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Statement of the affairs of the late Bank of Kingston, on the 1st January, 1831.

Kingston
Bank commis-
sioners report.

Amount of claims made to the Commissioners on the institution which remain unsatisfied,..... £5,898 0 0

Amount awarded to the institution by Arbitrators, and at present unpaid,.....	£	s.	d.
Amount of other debts due the institution by persons who have neglected to arrange their accounts } with the Commissioners,.....	3080	13	0
	5650	0	0

JOHN VINCENT,
Clerk.

Estimate of the amount necessary to discharge the contingencies of the office of the Kingston Bank Commissioners, for the payment of which the Commissioners are personally liable.

Clerk's salary, 2 years,.....	£	s.	d.
Office rent and fuel,.....	100	0	0
Advertising printing and stationery,.....	20	0	0
	25	0	0
	£	145	0 0

JOHN VINCENT,
Clerk.

Communications relative to Lincoln Elections.

York 2nd November, 1830.

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SIR,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a schedule of the names of such persons as appear to have been returned to serve in the eleventh provincial parliament, excepting the counties of Prescott and Russell, Prince Edward and Northumberland, the returns for which I have not yet received.

I beg leave also to enclose a communication from the returning officer for the county of Lincoln which I am requested to lay before his Excellency for his consideration

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,
SAMUEL P. JARVIS,
C. C. C'y.

To

Mr. Secretary Mudge,
&c. &c. &c.

Stamford, 25th October, 1830.

SIR,

I have the honor to return you the writ for the election of the county of Lincoln and the representatives duly elected, and at the same time take the liberty to suggest for his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's consideration the extreme inconvenience and disadvantage attending the elections, now substituted for the elections in this district, in consequence of the distance electors are obliged to travel to give their votes. At the three last elections that I have presided as returning officer for the county, not more than one third of the freeholders at each election have given in their votes, at the county election, three out of four of the candidates being strangers to the great majority of the electors much undue influence falls into the hands of designing individuals. I have found the three last elections strongly liable to the objections I have stated, whereas, at the ridings, the freeholders generally make choice of a person known to them in their own riding, and little inconvenience attends going to the place of election, at any season of the year.

Should it be in his Excellency's power to restore the former mode of election in this county, I am convinced it would greatly tend to secure a fair and judicious representation, and at the same time meet the wishes of a large majority of the most respectable inhabitants of the district.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most obedient
humble Servant,
RICHARD LEONARD,
Returning Officer
for the county of Lincoln.

Samuel P. Jarvis, Esq. }
Clerk of the Crown in }
Chancery. }

To his Excellency Sir John Colborne K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General commanding his Majesty's forces therein &c. &c. &c.
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We, his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, beg leave most respectfully, to present to your Excellency our memorial and representation, humbly shewing:

That by the second clause of an act passed in the 48th year of the reign of his Majesty King George the third, entitled, "an act for the better representation of the commons of this province, in parliament, and to repeal part of an act passed in the 40th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, "An act for the more equal representation of the Commons of this province and for the better defining the qualifications of electors," it was, amongst other things, enacted "that the first riding of the county of Lincoln and the county of Haldimand shall be represented by two members, in manner following, &c. and that the 2nd and the 3d, and the fourth ridings should be represented by one member each, in the manner therein pointed out.

That after the passing of the said act, the townships and tracts of land now composing the county of Wentworth, did form such part of the first riding of the county of Lincoln as is designated in the second clause of the said act as being represented by one member, and for the representation of which, provision is made in and by a certain act of the parliament of this province passed in the 57th year of the reign of his Majesty King George the 3rd, after which the four ridings into which the county of Lincoln was divided continued to be represented by one member, each, the county of Haldimand being attached to the first riding, each riding holding a separate and independent election for its own member. Afterwards, namely, in the year 1820, when from the rapid increase of the population of this province, the representation thereof in the Commons house of Assembly was deemed too limited, an act was passed in the 60th year of Geo. 3d entitled, "An act for increasing the representation of the commons of this province in the house of Assembly," by the first clause of which, that so much of the several laws now in force as regulates the number of representatives to serve in the provincial parliament, be, & the same is hereby repealed—your memorialists beg leave to represent that at the next general election after the passing of the last above recited act, the county of Lincoln continued to be represented by one member for each riding, chosen at separate & independent elections for each, that at the general election for the ninth parliament the election appears to have been held conjointly for the four ridings at one election, and in the same manner for the tenth parliament.

And we, your Excellency's humble memorialists, after paying all due deference to the legal advisers of the government, most respectfully represent that they cannot abandon the opinion that the most fair and candid construction of the law will bear to be interpreted in favor of holding the election separately, in and for each Riding, independent of the others, and not in the county election as has been the case in the two last general elections. And we presume on this interpretation of the Act with the more confidence from the plain expression of the first enacting clause of the before recited Act of the 60th George the third chapter 2, which enacts, that "so much of the several laws now in force as regulates the number of representatives to serve in the provincial parliament be, and the same are hereby repealed" without any expression of