

*Subjects recommended in the Message.*

Recommending the passing of a law imposing a tax upon wild lands, as in Upper Canada.

The evils of the system of tacit mortgages.

The objectionable and expensive forms of conveyancing, said to exist in the townships.

The necessity of a registration of deeds, and the want of proper courts for the decision of causes arising in the townships.

Although the message from the Crown (in obedience to the instructions) contained no recommendation or allusion whatever to the inequality of the present system of representation, yet the subject was taken up in the House of Assembly, and an Act has passed both Houses of the Legislature for a new division of the province into 40 counties, and increasing the number of representatives from 50 to 84. The townships, by this bill, will send nine members to the House of Assembly. It has, however, been reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, and a particular report will be made upon the Act when it is transmitted to the Secretary of State.

*Proceedings that have taken place upon them.*

The House of Assembly did not proceed in this matter in any way whatever.

The subject not taken into consideration by the House of Assembly.

An Act has passed the Legislative Council and Assembly, for rendering valid conveyances of land and other immoveable property, held in free and common socage within this province, but the same is reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure.

No legislative provision has been made for the registration of deeds in any part of the province.

A bill was brought into the Legislative Council to establish courts for the trial of causes arising in the townships, but it did not pass into a law.

(Signed) JAMES KEMPT.

Castle of St. Louis, Quebec, 26th March 1829.

STATEMENT of Monies granted by the Provincial Parliament of Lower Canada in the last Session, for various Public Services.

	Currency.	Sterling.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
For the erection of lighthouses in the river and gulf of the St. Lawrence	12,000 0 0	
For the internal communications of the province	33,690 0 0	
For the encouragement of agriculture	1,600 0 0	
For exploring certain parts of the province	1,000 0 0	
For the encouragement of education	5,833 10 0	
For houses of correction	600 0 0	
For the support of hospitals and other charities	8,260 16 10	
For the expenses of the customs at the inland ports	1,351 0 0	
For the encouragement of arts, and various other purposes	4,290 17 7	
For certain expenses of the civil government for the year 1828, and arrears - £9,031 3s. 6d. sterling	10,034 12 9	
	78,660 17 2	70,794 15 6
For the civil expenditure of the government for the year 1829, such sum as in addition to the monies already appropriated by law for that purpose, will make	- - -	54,542 2 6
For allowing a pension to Mr. Justice Bedard, in case of his resignation from ill health	- - -	400 0 0