

endangered from this cause; and praying that his Excellency may grant such relief as the urgency of the case requires.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Voyer :

Resolved, That the common councilmen of each ward be instructed to visit every house and premises in their respective wards, and to report to the mayor all such infractions of the police regulations, prejudicial to the public health, as may fall under their observations, to the end that proper measures may be immediately adopted for the protection of the health of the citizens.

Sur motion du Maire, secondée par M. Danegaire :

Résolu, Que le comité des chemins prenne sans délai les moyens les plus efficaces, d'assainir les parties basses et malsaines de la cité, et ce, tant par l'ouverture de fossés, ou la construction de canaux souterrains, propres à faciliter l'écoulement des eaux stagnantes, &c., que par tels autres travaux que le comité jugera plus convenables et moins coûteux selon la nature des lieux à améliorer.

Pour vrai extrait des procédés du conseil de ville.

(signé)

P. Anger, Sec. Cr.

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Enclosure 4, in No. 2.

Sir,

Sorel, 16th July 1834.

Your letter, dated Montreal, July 12th, addressed to Lieutenant-colonel Craig, civil secretary, together with the minutes which accompanied it of the proceedings of the town council of the city of Montreal of the same date, relating to the public health of that city, having been transmitted to the Governor-in-chief at this place, his Excellency has directed me to signify to you in answer, that although always disposed to promote any measure having for its object the preservation of the public health of the inhabitants of Montreal, his Excellency apprehends that it is not in his power to give effect to the suggestions of the town council in the present instance. With reference to the first resolution of the town council, at their meeting on the 12th instant, his Excellency has to observe, that the Act therein alluded to (35 Geo. 3, c. 5,) is now, and has been ever since the opening of the navigation, in full operation; and under its provisions, and the proclamation founded upon them of the 17th April last, all vessels arriving in the province from sea, are subject to the strictest examination, and every possible precaution is used at the quarantine station at Grosse Isle to prevent the introduction of disease; and as a further security, measures have been taken at Quebec for the medical examination of the passengers of vessels which may accidentally have passed Grosse Isle without conforming to the regulations established there. Nothing therefore remains to be done, in so far as regards the operation of the Act in question, upon vessels coming by sea from other countries.

Nevertheless, should it be deemed advisable by the town council of Montreal, as a local measure of precaution, to cause the state of health of passengers arriving in steam-boats or other vessels to be examined previously to their obtaining permission to land, the Governor-in-chief apprehends that that object may be accomplished by means of municipal regulations. But this, as well as other measures of precaution purely local, must be left to the wisdom of the town council, in conformity with the powers with which they are invested by law.

With reference to the fourth resolution of the town council, his Excellency directs me to observe, that he can readily believe in the truth of one fact therein mentioned, namely, that there are at present in Montreal a great number of indigent emigrants without the means of proceeding to the Upper Province; that such would prove to be the case during the present season of navigation, the experience of past years could leave no room to doubt; and were this subject now brought under the notice of the Governor-in-chief for the first time, he would in all probability be induced to incur the responsibility of providing for their passage to the Upper Province out of the public funds. Circumstances, however, into which it is unnecessary to enter on the present occasion, render such a step on the part of the Governor-in-chief highly inexpedient; and his Excellency has only to observe, with reference to the application for the relief of those indigent emigrants, contained in the fourth resolution of the town council, that there are no public funds appropriated for that object.

I have, &c.

To the Mayor of Montreal.

(signed)

Howel Poynter, Lt & A. D. C.