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REPORT

Of Commissioners of Inquiry in re Corrigan murder.

TORONTO, PROVINCIAL CHAMBERS,

28th March, 1857.

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To the Honorable

The Provincial Secretary.

SIR,—I have to enclose the report of my brother Commissioners and myself in the matter of the "Corrigan Commission," for the purpose of its being laid before His Excellency. I beg also to inform you that the evidence may be expected in a very short time, so soon as copy of the same has been completed.

> I have the honor to be, Your obcdient servant,

> > (Signed,)

GEO. A. PHILLPOTTS.

QUEBEC, 23rd March, 1857.

To the Honorable

The Provincial Secretary.

SIR,—The Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor General to enquire into the circumstances connected with the death of the late Robert: Corrigan, in his life time of St. Sylvester, Yeoman, have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency, that in conformity with the directions contained in this Commission, bearing date the eighteenth day of October last, they have conducted the investigation intrusted to them with as much circumspection and celerity as the circumstances connected with it would warrant, and having procured all the evidence in their power, they respectfully submit the same for His Excellency's information, together with their observations on the five following heads of inquiry comprised in their commission, viz. :

1st. To inquire into all the circumstances out of which the death of the late Robert Corrigan arose.

2ndly. The proceedings taken against the persons accused of his murder, the manner in which the trial of Richard Kelly and others was conducted, and the causes, if any, of the failure of justice thereat.

3rdly. Generally to make all inquiries as to any obstacles that may be in the way of a due and proper administration of justice in the locality where the said crime was committed, and also the best means of removing such obstacles, should any exist.

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