

3.—Earl Grey to the Earl of Elgin, No. 551, 27th January, 1851, in reply to the Address of the Legislative Assembly to the Queen, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves.

(For Despatches, &c., vide Sessional Papers.)

Petitions presented

The Honorable Mr. Hamilton presented a Petition from the Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company; praying for an extension of the powers conferred by their Charter;

And also, three Petitions from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of Lincoln and Welland, praying that a certain sum paid by them on account of the Administration of Justice may be refunded; also, praying that the Act 12th Vic. cap. 81, relating to the repair of Roads which are under the control of the Municipalities may be modified; and praying that the Municipal Councils may have power to levy a rate for the support of the destitute poor.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Petition from the Simcoe District Council presented.

The Honorable Mr. McKay presented a Petition from the Simcoe District Council; praying that the proposition to attach the Old Survey of West Gwillimbury to the County of York, may not be favorably entertained.

Read, and

Ordered, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

Referred to the Select Committee on West Gwillimbury Road Allowance Bill.

Ordered, That the Petition just read be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to annex the Old Survey of West Gwillimbury, in the County of Simcoe, to the adjoining Township of East Gwillimbury, in the County of York."

The Honorable Mr. McKay presented a Petition from the Simcoe District Council; praying that the Townships of St. Vincent, Collingwood, Euphrasia, Artemesia, and Osprey may not be detached from the County of Simcoe.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Bourret presented a Petition from Joseph Watier and others, of the Parish of Saint Timothée, in the County of Beauharnois, praying for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure in Lower Canada;

Petitions presented.

Also a Petition from A. M. Delisle and W. H. Brehault, Joint Clerk of the Peace of and for the District of Montreal, praying that they may be indemnified for the serious loss consequent on the reduction of their incomes, occasioned by the passing of the Act of last Session, cap. 37.;

And also, a Petition from R. B. Somerville and others, inhabitants of the Village of Huntingdon, and the adjoining Townships, praying that the grant made by an Act of the Parliament of Lower Canada towards the erection of an Academy in the Village of Huntingdon may be increased, and that an annual grant may be made towards the support of the said Institution.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Taché presented a Petition from P. A. C. Munro and others, Physicians and Surgeons residing in the City of Montreal, praying for certain amendments in the Acts regulating the study and practice of Physic and Surgery in Lower Canada;

Also, a Petition from François-Xavier Lapointe and others, Pilots at the Port of Quebec, praying to be incorporated, with a common fund for their earnings, and that their number may be limited;

Also, a Petition from the Rev. P. Boucher and others, of the Parishes of Sainte Anne des Monts and Cape Chat, praying for aid to make a road from Cape Chat to Matane;

Also, a Petition from William E. Page and others, of Métis, in the County of Rimouski, praying for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure in Lower Canada;

Also, a Petition from the Honorable A. Dionne and others of the Counties of L'Islet and Kamouraska, praying for aid towards completing the Road from Grand Bay to Lake Saint John in the County of Saguenay;

Also, a Petition from F. X. Poulin and others, of the Parish of Saint Germain de Rimouski, praying for the repeal of the Lower Canada Common School Act;

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