

of the Committee, been at all weakened by the postponed satisfaction of them. Repeatedly recognized, and never (so far as the Council are aware), doubted or questioned by any one, the very circumstances that they have hitherto been ineffectually urged, tends to give them increased weight, and will in the opinion of the Committee justify the most favorable recommendation and support which their duty will permit them to offer and afford.

“It is on this account that the Committee have arrived at this opinion, that an amount of land scrip, corresponding in nominal value with the five thousand acres of land which the Legislature of Upper Canada, in 1838, thought Colonel FitzGibbon entitled to, would not be an equal compensation to that which it was at first proposed to grant. On the contrary, besides the injurious consequences of delay, the course would, in effect, deprive Colonel FitzGibbon of nearly one-half in point of value of the remuneration originally proposed.

“The Committee, therefore, respectfully advise your Excellency to recommend Colonel FitzGibbon’s case to favorable consideration at the next session of the Legislature, for a grant of such sum of money as shall be considered a fair equivalent for the land originally proposed to be given to him.

“With regard to the application for an advance, the Committee have felt deep regret that they have not found it proper for them to advise that it should be complied with. However strong their opinion of the justice of Colonel FitzGibbon’s claim, or the probability of its being favorably entertained by the Legislature, they are not prepared to advise your Excellency to make an advance of public moneys in anticipation of the decision of the Parliament on the subject.”

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## APPENDIX XI.

“LOWER WARD, WINDSOR CASTLE,

“*March, 1859.*

“We, the undersigned Military Knights of the Chapel of St. George within the Castle of Windsor, beg leave to call your attention to our case.