

Ordered—That the Petition of the Reverend *John McMorine* and others Members of the *Presbyterian Church in Melbourn*, be referred to the said Committee. Of Rev. J. McMorine, to same Committee

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Durand*.

Resolved—That the Petition of *Richard E. Vidal*, and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Sarnia*, presented to the House yesterday, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Durand* and Mr. *Neilson*, to examine the contents thereof, and report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Of R. E. Vidal and others to select Committee.

Ordered—That the Petition of *Pierre Langlois*, and others, Pilots for and below the harbor of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to repeal and amend, in part, certain Acts therein mentioned, and to extend the powers, and increase the funds, of the Trinity House of *Quebec*. Of P. Langlois and others to Committee on Trinity House, Quebec.

The Honourable *S. B. Harrison*, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 5th instant, a Return on the subject of Responsible Government. Return respecting Responsible Government laid before the House.

For the said Return, see appendix (B. B.)

And also a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 13th instant, on the subject of the naturalization of Aliens. Also Return to Address on naturalization of Aliens.

RETURN

To an Address from the House of Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 13th *August*, 1841, praying for “copies of all “despatches from Her Majesty’s Government to the Executive of this “Province, on the subject of the naturalization of Aliens; and also those “which may have been addressed by the Provincial Government to the “Colonial Secretary, on the same subject, and all other documents relative “thereto.” Return

NIL.

N. B. A Despatch was, however, received by the Governor General of *British North America*, while in *Lower Canada*, and before the Union of the Provinces, from the enclosure to which an extract is subjoined, as well as from a despatch in reply, having reference to conferring privileges prospectively, as an inducement to *Americans* to settle.

THOS. C. MURDOCH.

Kingston, 20th August, 1841.

Extract from a letter from the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, to the Colonial Department, dated 4th *August*, 1840, and enclosed in a despatch from Lord *John Russell* to the Governor General, dated 8th *September*, 1840, No. 221 : Extract from enclosure in Despatch from Lord J. Russell on granting land to American.

“As connected with the subject, we may mention that a great proportion of these occupants are said to be natives of the United States, and consequently incapable of acquiring property in Land. But of their superior skill and industry in clearing the ground they occupy, there can be no doubt. In fact it is not to be supposed that any class of persons coming from an old country, can equal their knowledge, courage, and endurance, in contending with, and overcoming the passive resistance of the wilderness. It seems obviously desirable that so useful a description of settlers should be enabled to acquire a title to Land themselves; and we therefore hope that the Legislature in *Canada*, as we believe has been the case in the Upper Province, will afford facilities to the naturalization of well conducted and resident foreigners, who may be desirous of acquiring a recognized property in Land.”