

Should a proceeding of this effect be thought advisable by the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor will have great pleasure in giving it his most cordial concurrence and support.

Government House, 22nd December, 1821.

Report of the Commissioners appointed, under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada, passed in the 55th year of the Reign of George 3rd, intituled "An Act to provide for the erection of a Monument to the Memory of the late President, Major-General Sir Isaac Brock."

To His Excellency, Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.

The Undersigned Commissioners beg leave most respectfully to report to Your Excellency that on their first appointment they experienced much embarrassment from one of their number being absent from the Province, and from want of Artists or other competent persons to advise with on the spot. They were therefore constrained to have recourse to Great Britain for information; accordingly a letter, of which a copy marked "A" is annexed, was written to one of the brothers of the deceased Sir Isaac, and at the same time one of a similar tendency was written to Thomas Clark, Esquire, which last, however, arrived too late, as he was on his voyage to this country, soon after the passing of the Act. No answer having been received from Mr. Brock, the undersigned again wrote him in December, 1815, and requested his early notice of their communication, but they did not hear from him on the subject till July, 1817, when the papers marked "B," "C," "D," "E," "F," "G," were by another brother of the deceased Sir Isaac delivered to Thomas Dickson, Esquire, one of the undersigned, at Queenston.

On the receipt of these papers, which for the first time gave them some idea of the inadequacy of the sum granted, the undersigned were compelled to pause. They at one time had resolved to open a subscription to defray the additional expense it might be found necessary to incur in completing the proposed monument on a scale and in a style corresponding with the exalted character and eminent public service of the illustrious and distinguished officer whose memory was thereby intended to be perpetuated, but on reconsidering the subject they were apprehensive that as public Commissioners, acting under the solemn authority of a Parliamentary enactment, it would be construed into an indelicate assumption of power, as well as a reflection on the Legislature of the Province, should they resort to an appeal to the private sympathies of the people for the means to give effect to a public Act of the Government.

The undersigned preferred submitting to the personal obloquy they knew they would incur by delay, to the gratification they would have derived from being enabled from a fund in every other respect so honourably raised to erect a splendid memorial of the very high public and private estimation in which the character and services of the deceased were held by the Government and inhabitants of the Province.

Having, for the reasons above stated, forborne from proposing a subscription, and having been deterred by the embarrassments of the Provincial Revenue from applying to the Legislature for additional means to enable them to complete in a suitable manner this interesting Public Work, the undersigned have hitherto postponed commencing it; for though the fund, which was at first one thousand pounds,