

Proposed by Archibald McDonell, Esq. J. P. seconded by Mr. Moffatt,

Resolved—That this meeting use every exertion to convince the Imperial Parliament, that the best interest of the Colony will be studied by giving encouragement to capitalists to settle amongst them, and particularly to encourage the Company who recently wished to be incorporated for the purpose of opening up the navigation from Lake Huron to the sea port of Montreal by the River Ottawa.

Proposed by Robert Lang, Esq. and seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Resolved—That the view which our late Lieutenant Governor, Sir F. B. Head took of the resources of that noble River, the Ottawa, in his opening Speech to Parliament, is in accordance with the opinion of every one who has taken the trouble to consult the local advantages offered to commerce, by improving the navigation of the Ottawa.

Proposed by B. Billings, Esq. J. P. seconded by Mr. Scott,

Resolved—That our respected member, Thomas McKay, Esq. with the following gentlemen form a deputation to wait upon His Excellency, and to hand him a copy of the proceedings of this meeting with the map and comparative remarks, on the projected communication with Lake Huron:—R. Lang, Esq. J. P., A. McDonell, J. P. and J. Stevenson.

Proposed by William Lang, Esq. seconded by Mr. Durie.

Resolved—That a copy of these Resolutions be made out and forwarded to Charles Buller, Esq. Commissioner of Inquiry for Crown Lands and Emigration, with a view of drawing his attention to the importance of furthering the views of the proposed Company, and that Bradish Billings, Esq. J. P. be added to the deputation to wait on His Excellency.

(Signed,)

THOMAS MCKAY, Chairman.

ROBERT LANG, Secretary.

New Edinburgh, 16th July, 1838.

No. 7.

MEMORIAL TO LORD DURHAM.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE OTTAWA, AND WATER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THAT RIVER AND LAKE HURON.

On Thursday the 30th ult. a Deputation from a Meeting recently held at New Edinburgh, on the Ottawa, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, and presented the following Address.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Improvement of the Navigation of the River Ottawa, and opening a communication by that river to Lake Huron, having been long considered measures of vital importance in a Commercial, Agricultural, and Political point of view, not only to Canada, but to the Mother Country, repeated applications on the subject have been made to the Governors of the Colony; and also for the attainment of these objects an attempt was made to form a company in London, which was so far in train in the year 1835, (composed of men of the first respectability and influence,) as to require only the sanction of Government to commence its operations; and although the ministry have uniformly expressed their approbation of the measure, and their sense of its importance, yet political changes, and the state of political affairs in this country, have hitherto thrown obstacles in its way.