

APPENDIX.

Extracts from the Journal of the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada, in reference to the claims of the late Joseph Bouchette, Surveyor General, for indemnity, as set forth in the foregoing Petition.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.
Wednesday, 23rd February, 1814.

"IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE, on the Report of the Special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of Joseph Bouchette, Surveyor General :

"MR. DENECHAU called to the chair.

"On motion of Mr. Taschereau, seconded by Mr. Lee,

"RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Committee, that a sum of *fifteen hundred pounds* Currency be employed under the direction of Commissioners, to encourage and aid Joseph Bouchette, Esquire, to publish the Topographical and Geographical Maps of the Province."

From the Report of the Special Committee of the 4th March, 1817.

"Your Committee observe, that Mr. Bouchette executed these maps under the patronage of the Provincial Legislature, and that he has thereupon sustained a loss of £1,701 18s 2d., and is therefore of opinion that it is just to reimburse him a part of his loss, and that it is even expedient to do so for the encouragement of the Arts, and of the persons who may apply themselves thereto in the Province."

From the Report of the Committee of the 16th January, 1818.

"That these maps have been seized by the persons who assisted him in the publication. The pecuniary means of the petitioner being inadequate to the advances necessary to the undertaking, he relied much on the liberality of the Legislature, the House having in a Committee of the Whole, so early as the 24th February, 1814, resolved that he should be aided with the sum of £1,500, to encourage the publication."

Report of the Special Committee, 15th March, 1819.

"Your Committee have attentively examined the allegations of the said Petitioner, and find them generally supported by the evidence on the Journals, of the House and the examination of the witnesses reported by Special Committees on the 4th March, 1817, and 16th January, 1818.

"Your Committee is of opinion that although the Resolution of the Committee of the Whole House, of the 23rd February, 1814, was not acted upon during that Session, which terminated on the 17th March following; yet the said resolution may have induced Mr. Bouchette to expect assistance from the Legislature to that amount, for the publication of his maps and contributed to his proceeding personally to England in the ensuing summer, for the purpose of superintending a work honored with such distinguished patronage.

"Notwithstanding the grant of £500 which was made to Mr. Bouchette, during the ensuing Session of the Assembly—your Committee find, by the aforementioned evidence, that he has actually been a loser by the publication of his maps and Topographical account of Canada; your Committee, however, will not take upon itself to pronounce that any further pecuniary compensation ought to be made to Mr. Bouchette out of the public money; it is, however, of opinion that it would be an act of justice to that gentleman, now that a work which the Legislature has unequivocally patronised is completed, should that work be found worthy of such patronage, to afford the author some public mark of approbation."

"Mr. Bouchette has submitted to your Committee, original documents, of which the papers annexed, A. 1 to 6 inclusive, are true copies. These documents, in the opinion of your Committee, show that the maps and Topographical account of Canada have

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