

REPORT.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly for the management and direction of The Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a FIRST REPORT:—

Having received from *G. B. Faribault*, Esquire, the Agent deputed by the two Houses of the Legislature, at the last Session, to proceed to *Europe* for the purchase of Books for the Library, a detailed Report of his mission, the Committee desire to record their satisfaction at the manner in which Mr. *Faribault* has discharged the trust confided to him; notwithstanding the painful interruption to his labors, occasioned by domestic bereavement, and his own ill-health. The zeal and assiduity displayed by Mr. *Faribault*, and also by Mr. *Wicksteed*, Law Clerk to the Legislative Assembly, who assisted the object of the mission whilst in *London*, in obtaining from the Public Departments, both of *France* and *England*, valuable Donations of Works published under the direction of the respective Governments, is deserving of honorable mention. Further particulars in reference to these Donations, and to the labors of Messieurs *Faribault* and *Wicksteed*, generally, will be found in the Report and Memorandum annexed: and, adverting to which, the Committee take the first opportunity afforded them to express their high sense of the liberality displayed by the Governments of *France* and *England*, in enriching the Library of *Canada* with a series of publications, of a costly and valuable character. They would also desire to express to the Gentlemen in *Paris* and *London*, who, with equal kindness and success, furthered by every possible means, the applications of our agents to their respective Governments, and thankful acknowledgment of the kindly interest displayed by them on behalf of the Library. Feeling assured that these sentiments will be fully responded to by the House, they have prepared formal Resolutions expressive of the same, which, upon receiving the sanction of the House, should, it is suggested, be enclosed to the Gentlemen in question, by the Honorable The Speaker.

The Committee have also received from Mr. *Faribault*, full statements of Accounts, with Vouchers, in respect to the expenditure of the monies entrusted to him, both for the purchase of Books and Manuscript documents, and to defray his personal expenses. These Accounts have been laid before the Committee too short a time to permit of their full investigation, but so far as they have been yet examined, the Committee are bound to express their approval of the very judicious and economical expenditure of the funds placed in his hands, which has been made by Mr. *Faribault*, as well as for his endeavors to secure a proper Agency for the purchase of Books in *Europe*, hereafter.

In addition to the Donations above mentioned, the Librarians have received various gifts, from private gentlemen, and official personages, which will be found enumerated in the accompanying List of the Donations to the Library since last Session. Provision has been made for the due acknowledgment of these, in the formal Resolutions of thanks herewith submitted:—

1. *Resolved*, That this House receives with much satisfaction, the intelligence of the munificent Donations which have been made in aid of the reconstruction of the