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of Sir Allan N.
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tificates, warrants, or writs, or any other matter affecting the Representation of the City of *Hamilton*.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued; and the names being called for, they were taken down; as followeth:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron of LANARK, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauvea, Christie, Conger, Desautric, De Witt, Drummond, Fournier, Franchère, Gowen, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Merritt, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Scott, Smith of WENTWORTH, Thompson, and Watts.*—(36.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Aylwin, Boulton, Brooks, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Chalmers, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Draper, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Lyon, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Viger, and Williams.*—(34.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and Ordered, Accordingly.

The Honorable Sir Allan N. MacNab was then examined; as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,

18. Will you inform this House whether the office of Adjutant General of the Militia of this Province was ever offered to you since your last election as a Member of this House, and whether you ever accepted that appointment; and whether you or your agent experienced at any time any difficulty or delay on the ground of the said acceptance, or supposed acceptance, and the consequent vacancy of your seat, or otherwise, in the regular receipt of your salary as Speaker of this House; and will you also inform the House of all the facts and circumstances connected with such offer and acceptance, or supposed acceptance, or in any way relating thereto, and lay before the House all commissions, letters, papers, and other documents in your hands, or within your control, connected with or relating to the same?—It was offered to me by the late Governor General, Earl *Cathcart*, and it was my intention to have accepted the office. On the first offer being made to me, I declined; but at a subsequent conversation with the Governor General, I agreed to accept it, under certain conditions, namely, that I should be permitted to have the most efficient aid in the office. The Governor General was desirous to have a French Deputy Adjutant General for *Lower Canada*, and I suggested the name of Colonel *Taché*, the present Deputy Adjutant General for *Lower Canada*, and his Lordship assented. I then endeavoured to impress on the Governor General my desire to have a Deputy for *Upper Canada*, who had experience, and was thoroughly conversant with military details. I suggested Colonel *Cameron*, and His Lordship assented. The thing remained in this unsettled state at the prorogation of the Parliament; after the prorogation, I saw the Governor General, and had several conversations with him. It had been proposed to me that I should be gazetted here. I left the Governor General with the understanding that Colonel *Cameron* was to be my Deputy. With the approbation of His Excellency, I went directly to Mr. *Daly*, and told him that I accepted the office of Adjutant General from His Excellency, on the express condition that Colonel *Cameron* was to be my Deputy, and that I had His Excellency's authority to say so; and that so soon as I could be certain that Colonel *Cameron* would accept the office of Deputy Adjutant

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General, we were both to be gazetted. I had occasion then to go to *Quebec*, and Mr. *J. H. Cameron*, the present Solicitor General, being then in town, and in order to expedite business, as I was about to leave for *England*, and Mr. *Cameron* then being about to proceed to *Upper Canada*, I requested him to write to Colonel *Cameron*, to know if he would accept the office. On my arrival at *Toronto*, after my return, I called on Mr. *Cameron*, who informed me that he had written to Colonel *Cameron*, and had received Colonel *Cameron*'s answer, that he would accept the office. On getting this information, I wrote to Mr. *Daly* on the twenty-fifth of June. On the third of July, I received an answer. On the receipt of that letter, I declined the office in the letter laid before the House. I should have stated that, after my return from *Quebec*, and before my departure for *Upper Canada*, while in *Montreal*, I called to take leave of the Governor General: His Lordship stated to me that some Members of his Council were anxious that he should appoint Colonel *Macdonell*, but he said, I told them that I had authorized you to offer the appointment to Colonel *Cameron*. I told him that I was much obliged to him, and that I felt that the services of Colonel *Cameron* would be indispensable to me, especially as I had to leave for *England* for a short time. After leaving the Governor General, I called on the late Receiver General, and he expressed himself in favor of Colonel *Macdonell*; I said, if there is any difficulty relating to this matter, I will go back to the Governor General; he said that there was no necessity, and that they would endeavour to provide for Colonel *Macdonell* in some other way. I had no other communication with the Executive Government, or the Governor General, except what is contained in the written documents on the table; nor have I since seen the Governor General.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,

19. Did you, in any written communication, subscribe your name, adding thereto the title of Adjutant General?—I did not.

20. Did you address any document to any public officer, in connection with your appointment as Adjutant General, in the discharge of the duties of that office?—I never signed any document as Adjutant General, nor did I do any official act in that capacity. Previous to my refusal of the office, I had sent in a plan for the re-organization of the Militia, addressed to Captain *Talbot*.

21. How long after your letter to Lord *Cathcart*, did you leave *Canada* for *England*?—I think I left by the next steamer for *England*.

22. Had you made any arrangements with the Government for the discharge of your duties, in the anticipation of your absence?—I made arrangements that Colonels *Taché* and *Cameron* should perform the duties of my office in my absence.

23. Had you the express sanction of Lord *Cathcart* for your absence?—I understood from Lord *Cathcart*, that in case of my accepting the office, I should have leave of absence; and I wrote a letter making application for leave of absence, which letter I sent to Captain *Talbot*, to be delivered when required.

24. Was any specific application made for such leave?—There was no specific application made for leave. After I received Mr. *Daly*'s letter, stating the regret of His Excellency at his inability to carry out the original intention of appointing Colonel *Cameron*, I had no further communication with the Executive Council, or with any other person, except my letter to Mr. *Daly* declining the appointment, and my letter to Lord *Cathcart* explaining my reasons.