

their opposition was not the less against the tax upon commerce in either shape as their view was to get it put upon the lands. No just reason could operate for the tax being put upon each separate district, for the district of *Three Rivers* was already provided with a prison which it had not separately paid, and the districts of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, having the same need of Prisons, the mode resorted to appeared to be the fairest.

Besides such a separation did not appear more necessary for the building of Prisons than the erection of Court Houses and other expenditures attending the administration of Justice in these districts: And a proof that the same strictness relating to local objects is not always attended to, the Province is daily incurring expences for matters which if scrutinized with an equal jealousy, would appear as much of a local nature as the prisons: such for example as the expences voted for the road of communication with *Upper Canada*, and the improvement of the rapids in the falls of *Saint Lewis*, which particularly tend to the advantage of the *Montreal* trade, and the result whereof will increase that opulence which already suggests to it, ideas of a separation in regard to taxes.

Mr. *Bedard* moved, seconded by Mr. *Berthelot*,

That the report of the Committee be now taken into consideration by a Committee of the whole House.

The House divided upon the question:

Yeas 12  
Nays 5

And the same being carried in the affirmative.

**RESOLVED**, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take the said report into consideration.

OR.