

## ON ROADS AND OTHER INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Your Committee next proceeded to take into consideration the Petition of divers inhabitants of the Township of Grenville and other Townships, and of the Seigniorship of La Petite Nation. The subject of this Petition appears to be of the greatest importance, and is intimately connected with the general communications of this part of the Province: and further, it will be necessary that your Committee should have before them more particular documents than are at present in their possession concerning this subject. Your Committee have adopted measures for obtaining such documents, and will have the honor of submitting them to your Honorable House with their general Report on the Internal Communications of the country.

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The whole nevertheless humbly submitted.

F. BLANCHET,  
Chairman.

14th January 1829.

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### THIRD REPORT.

**Y**OUR Committee thought it their duty to turn their attention to the existing Road Laws. These laws are, in the opinion of your Committee, prejudicial to the formation of new settlements, and not adapted to the present state of the country. It costs Twenty pounds currency to have a bye-road laid out at a distance of thirty leagues from the seats of jurisdiction. Now, who among the inhabitants of a new settlement are able to pay that sum? Another defect in the Law is, that the inhabitants are under the necessity of paying the same fees to the Grand Voyer, whether the *Procès Verbal* be homologated or not; so that the Grand Voyers have no interest in the homologation of their *Procès Verbaux*. Your Committee believe then, that the management of the Roads should be left to the Inhabitants, but they do not believe this can be done until the Counties shall have been re-organized. And this is an object very much to be wished for, since the Legislature would not then be obliged to make appropriations for the opening of Roads of merely local utility in the Counties, and its attention would be directed to the great Roads alone.

Third Report

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