

Petitions
brought up.

land, in the Parish of *St. George, Kingston*, in the Diocese of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,—the Petition of *Thomas Ainslie Young*, Esquire, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the *Quebec Board of Trade*, (relating to a Custom House.)

County of
West Halton
Election.

Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *James Durand*, Esquire, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *James Webster*, Esquire, the Sitting Member for the *West Riding* of the County of *Halton*, reported that the Committee met this morning at ten o'clock, pursuant to adjournment; but, in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Lacoste*, a Member of the Committee, they were unable to proceed to business.

County of
Middlesex
Election.

Mr. *Williams*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *William Notman*, Esquire, of *Dundas*, in the *Gore District*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Edward Ermatinger*, Esquire, to represent the County of *Middlesex* in this present Parliament, reported that the Committee met this day, pursuant to adjournment; but could not proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of their Chairman Mr. *Dickson*, and of Mr. *Lacoste*.

County of Ox-
ford Election.

Mr. *Chauveau*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the City of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the County of *Oxford*, reported that the Committee met this morning at ten o'clock, pursuant to adjournment; but, in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Lacoste*, and Mr. *Bertrand*, Members of the Committee, they were unable to proceed to business.

Members to at-
tend in their
places.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickson*, Member for the Town of *Niagara*; Mr. *Lacoste*, Member for the County of *Chambly*, and Mr. *Bertrand*, Member for the County of *Rimouski*, do severally attend in their places in this House at the next Sitting thereof.

County of Ox-
ford Election.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, that the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the City of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the County of *Oxford*, having been unavoidably reduced to less than nine Members, and having so continued for the space of three Sitting days, is dissolved.

On motion of Mr. *Hall*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, Ordered, That the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until Thursday next.

County of
West Halton
Election.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *James Durand*, Esquire, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *James Webster*, Esquire, the Sitting Member for the *West Riding* of the County of *Halton*, have leave to adjourn until Monday next at ten o'clock, A. M., in consequence of the Commission issued thereon not having been returned.

Message from
His Excellency
the Adminis-
trator.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

CATHCART.

The Administrator of the Government transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, Copies of the Despatches from the Secretary of State enumerated in the annexed Schedule, conveying the gracious Answers which the Queen has been pleased to direct to be returned to the several Addresses to Her Majesty adopted during the last Session.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
24th March, 1846.

SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying Message of the Despatches.
24th March, 1846.

NO.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
	1845.	
365	3d April.....	In reply to Address of Assembly respecting Duties on Colonial built Shipping.
393	20th June.....	In reply to Address of Assembly on behalf of Alexander M'Leod.
396	26th June.....	In reply to joint Address on behalf of Mr. Crooks.
404	30th July.....	In reply to Address of Assembly, praying for a reduction of Duty on Canadian Tobacco.
	1846.	
17	3d February	In reply to joint Address on the subject of the regulation of Colonial Trade and Navigation, and the extension of the privileges of Naturalization when conferred by Provincial enactment.
20	3d February	In reply to joint Address respecting the use of the French language in Legislative Records.

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No. 365.

DOWNING STREET,
3rd April, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have laid before the Queen the Address to Her Majesty, from the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, enclosed in your Despatch of the 3rd of February last, No. 213, and deprecating the imposition of Duties, by any Parliamentary enactment, upon Shipping built within Her Majesty's Colonial Dominions.

I have received Her Majesty's Commands to instruct your Lordship to assure the House of Assembly, that no such measures as those referred to in the Address, have ever been contemplated by Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable
Lord METCALFE, G. C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 393.

DOWNING STREET,
20th June, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 7th April, in which you enclose an Address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, and a Report from a Committee of that House, bringing under the consideration of Her Majesty the losses sustained by *Alexander M'Leod*, in consequence of his imprisonment in the *United States*, on the charge of having assisted in the destruction of the *Caroline*.

I have laid this Address before the Queen, and have received Her Majesty's Commands to instruct your Lordship to acquaint the House of Assembly, that Her Majesty cannot acknowledge that *Alexander M'Leod* has a valid title to be indemnified at the expense of Her Majesty's Treasury for the losses which