

how ruinous his losses would be should the contemplated and pledged Legislative support be withheld from him.

Journals

Ho. Ass. L. C.
4 Mar., 1817.
16 Jan., 1819.
15 Mar., 1819.
17 Apr., 1819.
28 Feb'y 1821.
7 Mar., 1821.
14 Feb'y 1827.

Address of the
Ho. to the
Duke of
Richmond,
G. B.
17 Apr., 1819.
See Appendix.

That the House of Assembly of Lower Canada never denied the justice and equity of the said Joseph Bouchette's claim, but on the contrary, it repeated Reports of Committees and in Addresses to the Executive Government of the Province, acknowledged in strong and emphatic terms that the claim of the said Joseph Bouchette, to be indemnified for his services and losses, was just and reasonable; but the House considered that such indemnity and remuneration should be given to the said Joseph Bouchette in the shape of a grant of the waste lands of the Crown, and unanimously recommended him by address to the Government with that view, as may be more fully seen by a reference to the Journals of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada.

Messs^{rs} of the
Earl of
Dalhousie,
G. B.
28 Feb., 1821.
See Appendix.

That, on the other hand, the Executive Government of the Province was equally ready to admit the justice and reasonableness of the said Joseph Bouchette's claim; but merely differed with the House as to the mode of meeting that claim, deeming a vote of money a more proper form of indemnity than a grant of land.

That at the demise of the said Joseph Bouchette, in 1811, after having devoted nearly fifty years of his life in the Naval, Military and Civil branches of the public service under the Crown in Canada, the above claim remained yet unsettled, although pending for more than twenty-five years, and fully acknowledged by two branches of the Provincial Legislature.

Vide Appen-
dix.

That the said late Joseph Bouchette, in consequence of the losses sustained by him in the publication of the large and important geographical works with which he has endowed his native country, died involved, having sacrificed, for the production of such works (the high character and usefulness of which are to this day universally admitted), large estates, that would amply have provided for his widow and family after his death.

That your Petitioners, believing that the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, heretofore the Province of Lower Canada, was the proper and specific tribunal before which the present claim should be brought, appealed to the Government and Legislature of that Province during its recent Session, praying by their humble petition that the unsettled claim of the late Joseph Bouchette as above stated, should be taken into their favorable consideration, and that your Petitioners, as the children and grand-children, representing their late father, Joseph Bouchette, would be allowed the benefit of that claim, the irrefragable justice, and reasonableness of which had been, as aforesaid, solemnly recognized and admitted both by the Executive Government and by the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, and that they would in their wisdom and justice award and confirm to your Petitioners the grant of the said sum of £1,000, claimed by the said late Joseph Bouchette, in his lifetime, for his public services and losses, and as for work and labor, care and diligence bestowed, and for money paid, laid out, and expended in and about the compilation, completion and publication of the geographical and topographical maps, and topogra-