

CANADA.

That the Legislative Council so constituted ought to possess the exclusive power of adjudicating upon all impeachments preferred by the Legislative Assembly against high public functionaries; and that in all other respects the peculiar powers and privileges now possessed and exercised by each of the two Houses of Parliament should be maintained inviolate in so far as they may not be repugnant to the foregoing representations.

That when any member of the Legislative Council shall accept any office, the holding of which would disqualify him from a seat in the Legislative Assembly, he shall vacate his seat; and when he accepts any office the holding of which would cause him to return to the people for re-election if he held a seat in the Legislative Assembly, he shall only hold such seat with such office after being re-elected.

Wherefore Your Majesty's faithful Commons humbly pray that Your Majesty will be pleased to recommend to the two branches of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, and finally to sanction a measure calculated to give effect to the representations thus humbly submitted for the consideration of Your Majesty.

(Signed) J. SANDFIELD MACDONALD,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Hall, Quebec,
Thursday, June 2, 1853.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieut.-General ROWAN to the Duke of
NEWCASTLE.

Government House, Quebec, December 31, 1853.

(Received January 18, 1854.)

MY LORD DUKE,

(Answered No. 87, May 26, 1854, page 15.)

See page 7.

I HAVE been requested to transmit for your Grace's consideration the accompanying draft of a Bill embodying the scheme for remodelling the Legislative Council of the Province, which formed the subject of an humble Address from the Legislative Assembly to Her Majesty, forwarded with the Earl of Elgin's Despatch No. 43, of the 1st of July last. The Members of the Executive Council attach great importance to this measure, and are of opinion that in the event of Her Majesty being graciously pleased to assent to the prayer of the Address in question, the enclosed draft, drawn up by the Attorney-General of Upper Canada in concert with all his colleagues, may relieve the Imperial Government from some trouble and embarrassment in framing an enactment to give effect to the contemplated change.

In the Despatch to which I have adverted, Lord Elgin has very fully discussed this important subject, and I shall only further state for your Grace's information, that the electoral districts named in the Schedule attached to the Draft Bill, contain an average population, in Canada West of 30,000, and in Canada East of 28,000.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. ROWAN,
Lieutenant-General.

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EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Lieut.-General ROWAN to the Duke of
NEWCASTLE.

Government House, Quebec, January 31, 1854.

"WITH reference to my private Despatch of the 31st December, I have the honour to transmit to your Grace a Draft Bill, which the Members of the Executive Council wish to substitute for the one which was enclosed in my former communication on the subject. Some inaccuracies had crept into the Schedule, annexed to the latter, of the proposed electoral districts in Lower Canada, which have been corrected in the copy now submitted."

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
&c. &c. &c.