

That the erection of the said Light House will hereafter be fe-
rjously injurious to the interest of the Lessee, during the continu-
ance of his exclusive privilege.

Your Committee can have no doubt of the right of the Sovereign
and the Legislature to erect Light Houses wherever it may be found
necessary, but they conceive that if any injury is occasioned there-
by to an individual holding rights previously guaranteed by the
government, that individual is equitably entitled to have his case
considered with a view to allowing him a suitable indemnity.

The exclusive trade of the King's Posts has been let out by the
Government of Canada from the time of the first settlement down
to the present day, and the erection of Light Houses within the
limits could hardly be contemplated when the Petitioner purchased
the lease.

How far the exclusion of the trade and industry of His Ma-
jesty's subjects from the vast extent of coast and territory included
in the said lease is expedient or lawful, your Committee does not
conceive themselves called upon to give an opinion.

Your Committee would recommend that the claims of the Pe-
titioner should be submitted to two arbitrators to be named, one
by himself and one by the Governor, with power to call in a third,
with a view to ascertain the real extent of the injury to the Pe-
titioner and the amount of an equitable indemnity.

Your committee conceive however that the most advantageous
arrangement for the Province, would be one whereby the Lessee
should relinquish his lease which will expire in the year 1842,
with a view of throwing open the Territory to the trade & industry
of all His Majesty's subjects.

And the question being put, the Committee divided :

Yeas 3

Nays 2

Ordered, That the Chairman leave the Chair & report.

All which is nevertheless humbly submitted.

J. NEILSON,
Chairman.