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By the public accounts for 1854, it would appear, however, that Government paid Messrs. L. & A. out of the Consolidated Fund raised under 16 Vic. cap. 19, the sum of £500 0 0

"pour defrayer les dépenses encourues dans la compilation et publication des décisions des tribunaux dans le Bas-Canada, pour l'année 1854."

And that the only amount received by the Government towards that amount was	152	1	3
Tax at Quebec	£10	0	0
" Montreal	121	10	0
" Three Rivers	20	11	3
	£152	1	3

making £347 18 0

contributed by Government, instead of £162 10s.

Should Government consent to our having a Reporter and Assistant Reporter for our own District, they could be paid out of the following sources of revenue :

Average collection from tax in this district	£134	19	6
65 subscriptions in this district	65	0	0
	199	19	6

Government might be induced to contribute also to our expenses in printing, collecting, &c., say per annum:..... £150 0 0

Deduct for such expense, say..... 100 0 0

50 0 0

Total revenue £249 19 6

or, in round numbers, £250 per annum.

And to cover any shortcomings in the tax and annual subscriptions, the Bar might guarantee to the Reporter and his Assistant to make up the difference, so as to secure to them £250 per annum, in the proportions of £150 currency to the Reporter and £100 currency to his Assistant.

Before closing, your Committee have only to add, that in their opinion the foregoing suggestions could be more readily carried out by petition to the Governor-General in Council, than by Act of Parliament, particularly as the Act now in force contains sufficient provisions to enable the Executive Government to adopt the views recommended by the Report.

The whole; however, respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

(Signed,)

STRACHAN BETHUNE.

Montreal, 30th May, 1855.

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