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Esq.

28 April 1834.

The Governor in Chief forbears to suggest the amount of remuneration to which the parties may be considered entitled, being desirous of leaving it entirely to the liberality of the Legislature.

Numbers 3 & 4 of the List refer to the Auditor's department, and it appears to His Majesty's Government that it may be left with perfect propriety, as well with regard to the nature and duties of the office as to the payment of all salaries of the officers belonging to it, to the discretion of the Legislature, which must necessarily feel deeply interested in the proper discharge of the duties of such a department, and the proper remuneration of those upon whom such important duties devolve. The Governor in Chief will therefore only remark, that it has been found by experience in Great Britain, in regard to a corresponding department, that great advantage has been derived by regulating the Audit Office by the provisions of a specific Act of Parliament, by one of the provisions of which the salaries of the principal officers are made permanent, and not liable to annual votes.

Numbers 5 & 6.—It has been deemed necessary to propose an estimate for the portions of the salaries and allowances referred to under these heads.

Number 7.—Salary of the Advocate General for the years 1829 and 1830. Although the Governor in Chief has excluded this charge from the estimate of the present year, in conformity with the instructions which he has received from His Majesty's Government, he is nevertheless desirous of guarding himself against the inference which may be drawn from that circumstance, that he considers the charge unreasonable, or the office unnecessary. He is not yet sufficiently well acquainted with the various duties of the law officers of the Crown in this Province to be enabled to form a decided opinion on this latter point, and he will only add, that he has already had occasion to call upon the Advocate General for his official services in a case affecting the rights of His Majesty's subjects.

Number 8.—It is deemed unnecessary to include this item in the estimate of the present year.

Numbers 9, 10 & 11.—The office of Chairman of the Quarter Sessions for the districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers having terminated when the new commissions of the peace were issued by the last Administrator of the Government, and the commissions for that office not having been renewed by the Governor in Chief, the salaries attached to these offices have been omitted in the present estimate. It will be for the consideration of the Legislature hereafter, whether the gentlemen who enjoyed those offices should not be allowed their salaries up to the periods when they ceased to act.

Numbers 13, 14 & 15.—The pensions to Mrs. Livingston, the two Misses de Salaberry and Mrs. Deschambault, have been omitted, in conformity with the instructions which the Governor in Chief has received from His Majesty's Government, and he therefore considers it to be his duty to abstain from making any remark of his own on the subject of these pensions.

The Governor in Chief having thus remarked upon the several items above referred to, which have been omitted in the estimate of the present year, has only to add, that the Legislature cannot fail to see, in the course pointed out to his Excellency regarding those items, the sincere desire by which His Majesty's Government is animated to meet the feelings and wishes of the Province wherever it appears to be practicable, without impairing the efficiency of the public services and the due administration of Government; and his Excellency relies on the liberality of the ^{Council} House to ^{concur in granting} grant the supply now required in aid of the revenue of the Crown for the public service.

Castle, St. Louis, Quebec, }
14 February 1831. }

ESTIMATE of the CIVIL EXPENDITURE of the GOVERNMENT of Lower Canada, for the Year 1831.

SALARIES of the OFFICERS of GOVERNMENT and CONTINGENT EXPENSES of the several Offices :

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
	Sterling.			Sterling.		
Salary of the Governor in Chief - - - - -	4,500	-	-			
of the Lieutenant Governor - - - - -	1,500	-	-			
of the Secretary to the Governor in Chief - - - - -	500	-	-			
of the Assistant Secretary - - - - -	200	-	-			
of the Assistants in the Office of ditto - - - - -	365	-	-			
of the Keeper of the Offices of ditto - - - - -	45	-	-			
of the Messenger in ditto - - - - -	45	-	-			
of the Extra ditto in ditto - - - - -	41	1	3			
Postage of the Civil Secretary's Office - - - - -	1,200	-	-			
For Stationery, Printing, Extra-writing, &c. for ditto - - - - -	300	-	-			
Allowance for translating Public Documents into French - - - - -	50	-	-			
Salary of the Auditor of Land Patents - - - - -	200	-	-			
Rent of an Office for registering Grants of Crown Lands - - - - -	54	-	-			
Contingencies of the Provincial Secretary's Office, including £. 100. for extra assistance - - - - -	300	-	-			
Allowance for a Messenger for ditto - - - - -	30	-	-			