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REPORT

Of the Committee appointed to inquire upon the failure of Justice (if any) in the case of the Queen vs Kelly at Quebec, and into the origin of the disturbances which have recently occurred at St. Sylvester.

(Hon. Mr. Cartier.)

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REPORT.

The select Committee appointed to inquire into the cause of the failure of Justice, (if any) in the case of the Queen vs. Kelly and others, tried in the month of February last, before the Criminal Court at Québec, and into the origin of the disturbances which have recently occurred at St. Sylvester, beg leave to REPORT:—

Your Committee having no authority to examine witnesses under oath, and being of opinion that any investigation of the matters recorded in the reference to your Committee will fail to satisfy the public mind unless of a most thorough and searching character, and carried on without the delay and inconvenience that must necessarily occur, if the witnesses are summoned to attend in Toronto at this season of the year, beg leave to recommend: That a statutable Commission shall be issued by the Government to three Commissioners to inquire into all the circumstances out of which the death of the late Robert Corrigan arose, the proceedings taken against the persons charged with the murder, the manner in which the trial of Kelly and others was conducted, and the reasons, (if any) of the failure of Justice thereat, and generally to make all inquiries that may tend to remove any obstacles that may be in the way of a due and proper administration of Criminal Justice in the locality where the offence was committed.

The whole nevertheless humbly submitted.

JOSEPH C. MORRISON.
Chairman.

Committee Room,
10th April, 1856.