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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
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**LOWER-CANADA.**



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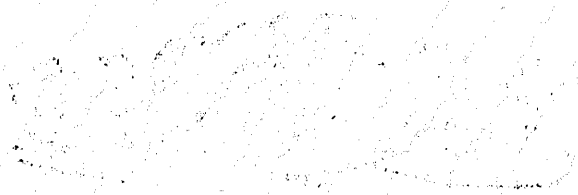
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(Signed,) GORDON DRUMMOND.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith :—To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of *Lower-Canada*, and to our faithful and well-beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgeses of our said Province, to an Assembly at our City of *Quebec*, on the second day of May next, to have been commenced and held, called and elected, and to every of you ; GREETING :—Whereas for divers urgent and arduous affairs, us, the state and defence of our said Province, concerning, our Assembly at the day and place aforesaid, to be present, we did command, to treat, consent and conclude, upon those things which, in our Assembly, should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon ; and for certain causes and considerations, us to this specially moving, we have thought fit further to prorogue our said Assembly, so that you, nor any of you, on the said second day of May next, at our said City, to appear, are to be held or constrained ; for we do will, therefore, that you, and each of you, be as to us in this matter entirely exonerated ;—commanding, and by the tenor of these Presents firmly enjoining you, and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on the Sixteenth day of June next, at our said City of *Quebec*, personally you be and appear, to treat, do, act and conclude, upon those things which, in our said Assembly, by the common council of our said Province, by the favor of God, may be ordained.—In Testimony whereof, these our Letters we have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed :—Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief in and over our said Province of *Lower-Canada*, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of *Saint Lewis*, in the City of *Quebec*, in the said Province, the Seventeenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and in the fifty-fifth year of our Reign.

(Signed,) G. D.

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND, C. C. in Ch.

(Signed,) GORDON DRUMMOND.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith; To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower-Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province, to an Assembly at our City of Quebec, on the Sixteenth day of June next, to have been commenced and held, called and elected, and to every of you; GREETING;—Whereas for divers urgent and arduous Affairs, us the State and Defence of our said Province concerning, our Assembly at the Day and Place aforesaid, to be present, We did Command, to treat, consent and conclude upon those things, which in Our Assembly, should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon, and for certain Causes and Considerations, us to this especially moving, we have thought fit, to Prorogue our said Assembly, so that you nor any of you, on the said Sixteenth Day of June next, at our said City to appear, are to be held or constrained, for We do will therefore, that you, and each of you, be as to us in this matter entirely exonerated: Commanding, and by the Tenor of these Presents, firmly enjoining you, and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on the First day of August next, at our said City of Quebec, personally you be and appear, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things, which in our said Assembly, by the Common Council of our said Province, by the favor of God, may be ordained.—In Testimony whereof, these our Letters We have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed; Witness our Trusty and well beloved His Excellency SIR GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief, in and over our said Province of Lower-Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province, the Twenty-ninth day of May in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen, and in the Fifty-fifth year of our Reign.

(Signed,) *G. D.*

(Signed,) HERMAN W. RYLAND, C. C. in Ch.

(Signed,) GORDON DRUMMOND.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith; To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province, to an Assembly at our City of Quebec, on the first day of August next, to have been commenced and held, called and elected, and to every of you, Greeting:—Whereas for divers urgent and arduous Affairs, us, the State and Defence of our said Province concerning, our Assembly at the Day and Place aforesaid, to be present we did command, to treat, consent and conclude upon those things which in our Assembly should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon, and for certain causes and considerations us to this especially moving, we have thought fit to prorogue our said Assembly, so that you nor any of you on the said First day of August next, at our said City to appear are to be held or constrained, for we do will therefore, that you and each of you be as to us in this matter entirely exonerated: Commanding, and by the tenor of these presents, firmly enjoining you, and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on the Fifteenth day of September next, at our said City of Quebec, personally you be and appear, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things, which in our said Assembly, by the Common Council of our said Province, by the favor of God may be ordained.—In testimony whereof these our letters we have caused to be made patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed; Witness our Trusty and well beloved His Excellency Sir GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief, in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province, the Twelfth day of July, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen, and in the Fifty-fifth Year of our Reign.

(Signed,) G. D.

(Signed,) THOMAS DOUGLASS, Clk. in Ch.

(Signed,) GORDON DRUMMOND.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith; To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower-Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province, to an Assembly at our City of Quebec, on the Fifteenth day of September next, to have been commenced and held, called and elected, and to every of you; GREETING:—Whereas for divers urgent and arduous Affairs, us the State and Defence of our said Province concerning, our Assembly at the Day and Place aforesaid, to be present, We did Command, to treat, consent and conclude upon those things, which in Our Assembly, should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon, and for certain Causes and Considerations, us to this especially moving, we have thought fit to Prorogue our said Assembly, so that you nor any of you, on the said Fifteenth Day of September next, at our said City to appear, are to be held or constrained, for We do will therefore, that you, and each of you, be as to us in this matter entirely exonerated: Commanding, and by the Tenor of these Presents, firmly enjoining you, and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on the Eighth day of November next, at our said City of Quebec, personally you do appear, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things, which in our said Assembly, by the Common Council of our said Province, by the favor of God, may be ordained.— In Testimony whereof, these our Letters We have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed; Witness our Trusty and well beloved His Excellency SIR GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief, in and over our said Province of Lower-Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province, the Thirtieth day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen, and in the Fifty-fifth year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. D.

(Signed,) THOMAS DOUGLASS, Clk. C. in Ch.



(Signed,) GORDON DRUMMOND.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith; To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province, to an Assembly at our City of Quebec, on the Eighth day of November next, to have been commenced and held, called and elected, and to every of you, Greeting:—Whereas for divers urgent and arduous Affairs, us, the State and Defence of our said Province concerning, our Assembly at the Day and Place aforesaid, to be present, we did command, to treat, consent and conclude upon those things, which in our Assembly should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon, and for certain causes and considerations, us to this especially moving, we have thought fit to prorogue our said Assembly, so that you, nor any of you on the said Eighth day of November next, at our said City to appear are to be held or constrained, for we do will therefore, that you and each you be, as to us, in this matter entirely exonerated; commanding, and by the tenor of these presents, firmly enjoining you, and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on the Thirtieth day of December next, at our said City of Quebec, personally you be and appear, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which in our said Assembly, by the Common Council of our said Province, by the favour of God, may be ordained.—In Testimony whereof, these our Letters we have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed; Witness our Trusty and well beloved His Excellency Sir GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province, the Twenty-fourth day of October, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen, and in the Fifty-fifth year of our Reign.

(Signed,) *G. D.*

(Signed,) THOMAS DOUGLASS, Clk, in Ch.

(Signed,) GORDON DRUMMOND.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith :—To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of *Lower-Canada*, and to our faithful and well-beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgeses of our said Province; GREETING :—Whereas the meeting of our Provincial Parliament stands prorogued to the Thirtieth day of December instant, nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations, we have thought fit further to prorogue the same to the Twenty-sixth day of January next ; so that you, nor any of you, on the aforesaid Thirtieth day of December, at our City of *Quebec*, to appear, are to be held or constrained, for we do will that you, and each of you, be as to us in this matter entirely exonerated : commanding, and by the tenor of these Presents firmly enjoining you, and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on the said Twenty-sixth day of January, at our City of *Quebec*, personally you be and appear, for the Dispatch of Business, to treat, do, act and conclude, upon those things which, in our said Provincial Parliament, by the common council of the said Province, by the favor of God, may be ordained.—In Testimony whereof, these our Letters we have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed :—Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief in and over our said Province of *Lower-Canada*, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of *Saint Lewis*, in our City of *Quebec*, and the Province aforesaid, the Twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and in the fifty-sixth year of our Reign.

(Signed,) G. D.

(Signed,) THOMAS DOUGLASS, C. C. in Ch.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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Anno 56 Georgii Tertii Regis.

Friday, the Twenty-sixth day of January, in the Fifty sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, being the Second Session of the Eighth Provincial Parliament of Lower Canada, as prorogued by several adjournments and prorogations, to this day.

**T**HE Members of the House convened in the Bishop's Palace, in the City of Quebec, were :

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*James Monk.  
A. J. Duchesnay.  
Aubert De Gaspé.  
H. W. Ryland.*

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* informed the House, that a Commission had been issued under the Great Seal, appointing him Speaker of this House.

Which being read, was as follows :

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(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND.

**G**EORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith:—To our Trusty and well beloved Councillor *James Monk*, Esquire, our Chief Justice of our Court of King's Bench of and for our District of Montreal, in our Province of Lower Canada, Greeting:—Whereas by our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our said Province of Lower Canada, bearing date at our Castle of Saint Lewis in our City of Quebec, in our said Province, the Fifth day of January, in the Forty-ninth year of our Reign, we did constitute and appoint our Trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell*, our Chief Justice of our said Province, and one of the Members of our Legislative Council in our said Province, Speaker of our said Legislative Council in our said Province, during our pleasure, as by our said Letters Patent more at large appear. And whereas by other Letters Patent under our Great Seal of our said Province, bearing date at our said Castle of Saint Lewis, the Twenty-first day of February in the Fifty-fifth year of our Reign, we did constitute, name and appoint our Trusty and well beloved Councillor *John Hale*, Esquire, from time to time, during our pleasure, to use, occupy and supply the room and place of the said *Jonathan Sewell* in our Legislative Council, among our Legislative Councillors there assembled, during the absence of our said Trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell* from his accustomed place in our said Legislative Council, and then and there to do and execute all such things as our said Trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell* should or might have done in that behalf if he were there personally present, as by our said last recited Letters Patent more at large appear. Now know ye, that we have revoked, determined and made void our said last recited Letters Patent, and all things therein contained; And know ye further, that we, trusting in your approved fidelity, wisdom and discretion, have constituted, named and appointed, and by these presents do constitute, name and authorize you the said *James Monk*, from time to time, during our pleasure, to use, occupy and supply the room and place of the said *Jonathan Sewell*, in our said Legislative Council, among our Legislative Councillors there assembled, during the absence of our said Trusty and well.

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well beloved *Jonathan Sewell* from his accustomed place in our said Legislative Council, and then and there to do and execute all such things as our said Trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell* should or might do in that behalf were he there personally present, using and supplying the same room and place. Wherefore we will and command you the said *James Monk*, to attend and execute the premises with effect, and these our Letters shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge for the same in every behalf.—In Testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed; Witness our Trusty and well beloved Sir GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief of the Government of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. at our Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, the Twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the Fifty-sixth year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. D.

(Signed) JOHN TAYLOR, Depy. Secy.

The Speaker took the Chair at the foot of the Throne, and the Commission was ordered to be put on the Journals.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time, the House was resumed.

His Excellency Sir GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable and Military Order of the Bath, and Administrator in Chief being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know:—"It is His Excellency's Pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker,

His Excellency the Administrator in Chief was pleased to deliver the following Speech:

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*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and  
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent having been pleased to commit to me the Administration of this Government, I have entered upon the duties which that trust prescribes, with a deep sense of their importance, and an earnest desire to discharge them for the general advantage of the Province; to which my attachment naturally derives additional strength, from the circumstance of my having been born in its capital.

It would be to me a source of inexpressible comfort, and I am confident, would convey to you sincere satisfaction, if I had it in my power to communicate any favourable account, respecting the indisposition of our venerable Sovereign: I regret, however, that I have no such information to impart: yet under this awful dispensation, it is not an inconsiderable consolation to be assured, that His Majesty has no corporeal suffering, and continues in a state of undisturbed tranquillity.

The total overthrow and final exile of the Usurper whose insatiable ambition and remorseless thirst of blood were permitted so long to afflict the world;—the restoration, once more, of the Family of Bourbon to the Throne of their Ancestors; the general Peace which has been given back to Europe, by the magnanimous exertions of the Allied Powers, and the high distinction obtained by the British Forces, under the conduct of the illustrious Duke of Wellington, consummated and crowned by the glorious Victory of Waterloo,—while they fill our minds with exultation, and open the prospect of permanent prosperity, will not fail to awaken a profound and grateful sense of the goodness of Divine Providence, so conspicuously manifested in these great events.

In adverting to those matters of internal concern, which have been the object of assembling this Provincial Parliament, I have to direct your early attention to the renewal of the Militia Act, and such others as, with it, may be about to expire, and as it may be necessary or expedient to continue.

I must also, in consequence of many discontented adventurers and mischievous agitators, from the Continent of Europe, having recently

cently thrown themselves into the neighbouring States, strongly recommend the immediate revival of the "Act for establishing regulations respecting Aliens;" with such modifications, as those circumstances may render it proper to adopt.

You have had the satisfaction of seeing that the Executive Government has completely redeemed its pledge to the Public, by calling in, and paying in cash the Army Bills which were in circulation.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I shall order a statement of the Provincial Revenue of the Crown, and of the Expenditure of the last year, to be laid before you.

I have it in command from His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to assure you, that His Royal Highness views with much pleasure, the additional proof of patriotism and public spirit, afforded by the sum voted towards the completion of a proposed Canal from Montreal to La Chine His Majesty's Government duly appreciating the many important objects with which that work is connected, are greatly interested in its early execution; and I await only further instructions upon the subject, to proceed to carry it into effect.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I cannot omit to press upon your consideration, the importance of further promoting the internal communications of the Province; and of making effectual provision for the full accomplishment of an object of such obvious and general utility.

You will, I doubt not, justify the firm reliance which I place on your loyal attachment to the Person and Government of your Sovereign, and your enlightened zeal for the Public Service; nor will you, I trust, disappoint my confident expectation, that this Session of the Provincial Parliament will be distinguished for accordant exertion, and efficient dispatch in conducting the public business.

You may be assured, that, on my part, I shall be most cordially disposed to second your laudable endeavours, by a ready co-operation in every measure which may tend to advance the interests and promote the welfare of this Province.

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Then His Excellency the Administrator in Chief was pleased to retire, and the House of Assembly withdrew.

### PRAYERS.

*Hodie id vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for the Improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence," pro forma.*

The Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne.

ORDERED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, to return the thanks of this House for his Speech from the Throne.

Then the following Members were appointed a Committee to prepare an Address pursuant to the said order, viz.

*The Honorable Messrs. Duchesnay,  
De Gaspé, and  
Ryland.*

To meet and adjourn as they please.

Members appointed a Committee to consider the Privileges of this House, and to take Order for the due course thereof:

*The Honorable The Lord Bishop of Quebec, Messrs. Monk, Duchesnay, De Gaspé and Ryland.*

The said Members to meet and adjourn as they please.

ORDERED, That the several Writs of Prorogation, that have been issued since the last Session, be entered at large on the Journals of this House, in the order of their respective dates, immediately before the entries of this day.

The Speaker laid before the House Letters from the Honorable Messrs. *Dunn, J. Williams* and *De Lotbiniere*, stating, that their health would not permit them their attendance in their places this day.

The Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* also informed the House that the Honorable Mr. *Baby*, one of the Members of this House, was so unwell as not to be able to attend in his place this day.

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The Honorable Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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SATURDAY, 27th JANUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*Duchefnay.*

*De Gaspé.*

*Ryland.*

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Monk* sat Speaker, by virtue of his Commission.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* from the Committee charged to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, to return the Thanks of this House for his Speech from the Throne, reported, that they had prepared the same, which being read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR GORDON DRUMMOND,

*Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief of the Government of the Provinces of Upper and Lower-Canada, Vice-Admiral of the same, Lieutenant-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Upper and Lower-Canada, and their several dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Lower-Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to return Your Excellency our humble thanks for your Speech from the Throne.

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We are happy in this occasion of publicly expressing our gratitude to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, for having committed to Your Excellency the Administration of this Government, and we are justly sensible of your earnest desire to discharge the duties of that trust for the general advantage of the Province. The circumstances noticed by Your Excellency, of your having been born in its Capital, cannot but give additional strength to your attachment to it; and our minds are irresistibly impelled to connect therewith the recollection of your having so recently fought and bled in defence of the Provinces over which you now preside.

We learn with deep affliction, that it is not in Your Excellency's power to communicate any favorable account respecting the indisposition of our venerable Sovereign; at the same time we acknowledge, with Your Excellency, that, under this awful dispensation, it is no inconsiderable consolation to be assured, that his Majesty has no corporeal suffering, and that he continues in a state of undisturbed tranquillity.

The total overthrow and final exile of the usurper, whose insatiable ambition and remorseless thirst of blood, were permitted so long to afflict the world; the restoration once more of the Family of Bourbon to the Throne of their Ancestors; the general peace which has been given back to Europe, by the magnanimous exertion of the Allied Powers; and the high distinction obtained by the British forces, under the conduct of the illustrious Duke of Wellington, consummated and crowned by the glorious victory of Waterloo; while they fill our minds with exultation, and open the prospect of permanent prosperity, ought doubtless to awaken in us a profound and grateful sense of the goodness of Divine Providence, so conspicuously manifested in these great events.

Sensible of the benefit which has arisen from the Militia Act, and from sundry other temporary Acts of the Provincial Parliament, we shall not fail to direct our early attention to the renewal of such of them as it may be necessary or expedient to continue.

We acknowledge Your Excellency's wisdom and foresight, in reminding us that many discontented adventurers and mischievous agitators, from the continent of Europe, have recently thrown themselves into the neighbouring States, and in calling our attention to the Act for establishing regulations respecting Aliens, which we have every disposition

sition to renew, with such modifications as circumstances may render it proper to adopt.

We have seen with great satisfaction, that the Executive Government has completely redeemed its pledge to the public, by calling in and paying in cash the Army Bills which were in circulation. A measure which exemplifies, in the most striking manner, the national good faith, and which will, we trust, facilitate similar arrangements hereafter, should the public interests ever require a renewal of them.

We beg leave to assure Your Excellency, that we are sensible of the importance of promoting the internal communications of the Province, and of making effectual provision for the full accomplishment of an object of such obvious and general utility ;—and we trust that in all our proceedings, we shall justify the confidence you are pleased to place in our attachment to the person and government of our Sovereign, and our zeal for the public service ; and that Your Excellency will not be disappointed in your confident expectation that this Session of the Provincial Parliament will be distinguished by accordant exertion, and efficient dispatch, in conducting the public business.

We receive with respect and gratitude, Your Excellency's assurances of a ready co-operation in every measure which may tend to advance the interests, and promote the welfare of this Province.

**ORDERED,** That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, by the whole House.

**ORDERED,** That the Honourable Messrs. *Duchesnay* and *Ryland* do wait on His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, humbly to know what time His Excellency will be pleased to appoint, to be attended by the House with the said Address.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert*, a Member of this House, stating, that business of a public nature will prevent his appearing in his place until Monday next.

**ORDERED,** That a Committee be appointed to revise the Rules and Standing Orders of this House, and that the Committee do report the same, preparatory to their being printed, and that the Committee be the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Quebec, the Honorable Messieurs *Duchesnay* and *Ryland*, and that the Committee do meet and adjourn as they please.

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The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* presented a Petition from Mr. *Cafgrain*, praying Legislative aid to build a Toll Bridge over the River Ouelle.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* presented two Petitions from the Adjutant General of Militia of Lower Canada, one praying for a Salary in consequence of an additional duty imposed on him by the Legislature—and the other praying for an indemnity in consequence of some losses sustained by him in the execution of his duty.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at One o'clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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MONDAY, 29th JANUARY.

THE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*Ryland.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Cuthbert.*

*Duchesnay.*

*Grant.*

*De Gaspé.*

*Debartzsch.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Monk* sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Ryland* and himself had according to order, waited on His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, humbly to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to appoint to be attended with the Address of this House, and that His Excellency had appointed this day, at Two o'clock, P. M.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Speaker reported, " That the House did this day  
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present their Address to His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, and that His Excellency had been pleased to return the following Answer:—

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

In offering you my warmest thanks for this address, I cannot but add the assurance that I derive from it a confirmation of that confidence, which I before entertained, in your loyalty and public zeal.

Acting under the impulse of such sentiments as you have now expressed to me, your conduct cannot fail to be honorable to yourselves and useful to your country.

Your expressions towards myself, deserve my particular acknowledgments; and the best return I can make for them, is to repeat to you my readiness to second your endeavors for the public advantage.

ORDERED, That the said Address and Answer thereto be printed and published.

The Honorable Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to Wednesday next, at One o'Clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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WEDNESDAY, 31st. JANUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

*The Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*Ryland.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Cuthbert.*

*Duchesnay.*

*Grant.*

*De Gaspé.*

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**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* for Speaker.

It was moved,

That an Estimate of the Expence of Printing the Journals of this House

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House in English and French alternately, and also of printing the said Journals separately and collectively, be laid before this House.

ORDERED accordingly.

The Names of the Members of this House were called over as follows :

*The Honorable*

*The Lord Bishop of Quebec*, present.

*Messrs. James Monk*, present.

*Thomas Dunn*, absent, excused.

*François Baby*, absent, excused.

*Sir John Johnson*, absent, not excused.

*Chartier De Lotbiniere*, absent, excused.

*Fenkin Williams*, absent, excused.

*Charles De St. Ours*, present.

*Jonathan Sewell*, absent in England, excused.

*John Hale*, absent in England, excused.

*Ant. J. Duchesnay*, present.

*H. De Rouville*, absent, not excused.

*John Caldwell*, absent in England, excused.

*Aubert De Gaspé*, present.

*H. W. Ryland*, present.

*James Cuthbert*, present.

*John Blackwood*, absent, in England, excused.

*William M'Gillivray*, absent, not excused.

*Charles W. Grant*, present.

*Pierre D. Debartzsch*, present.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to Friday next at One o'Clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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FRIDAY, 2d. FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The*

*The Honorable*  
*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Monk.*  
*De St. Ours.*  
*Ryland.*  
*Cutbert.*  
*Debartzsch.*

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* sat Speaker.

The Clerk, pursuant to the Order of this House of the 31st of January last, laid before the House an Estimate of the Expence of Printing the Journals of this House.

ORDERED, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at One o'clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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MONDAY 5th. FEBRUARY. X

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*  
*The Lord Bishop of Quebec.* *Messrs. Monk.* *Ryland.*  
*De St. Ours.* *Cutbert.*  
*Duchefnay.* *Debartzsch.*  
*De Gaspé.*

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* presented a Bill, intituled, " An Act for the better Regulation of the Press within the Province of Lower Canada."

ORDERED, That the same be read.

*Hodie in vice lecta est Billa,* intituled, " An Act for the better Regulation of the Press within the Province of Lower Canada."

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ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for a second time on the next fitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Debartzch* presented a Petition from *Jean Marie Langlois*, praying a Legislative Aid to build a Toll Bridge over the River Yamaska.

And also another Petition from several Inhabitants of St. Hyacinthe, in support of the said Petition.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Village of Berthier in the County of Warwick, praying for Police Regulations.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

And also another Petition from *Vincent Muilloux* and *Antoine Corbin*, praying for the exclusive right of navigating a new invented Machine facilitating the ferrying of Rivers, and the getting up loaden vessels against strong Currents.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The House being informed that Mr. *Burns*, one of the Commissioners appointed for regulating the Rate of Exchange, attended.

He was called in, and delivered at the Bar an Abstract of the amount of Army Bills issued from the Army Bill Office from the 31st of January, 1815, to the 29th January, 1816. And then he was directed to withdraw.

ORDERED, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* prayed for leave to withdraw two Petitions from the Adjutant General of Militia presented to the House on the 27th day of January last.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* be permitted to withdraw the said Petitions.

It was moved, that a Committee of three Members be appointed to enquire into the State of the Library of this House, and respecting the Books that ought to be added to the same.

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The Question being put on this motion,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Members of the Committee be the Honorable Messrs. *Ryland, Cuthbert* and *Debartzsch*, who are to meet and adjourn, as they please.

It being moved that the Honorable Mr. *Monk* be added to the Committee,

It was ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to Wednesday next at One o'clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*The Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*Ryland.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Cuthbert.*

*Duchesnay.*

*Debartzsch.*

*De Gaspé.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* sat Speaker.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Mailhot*, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to continue, for a limited time, an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of Lower Canada," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* acquainted the House that there was a Member without ready to be introduced.

When the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* was introduced between the Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* and the Honorable Mr. *Ryland*. Then

Then the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented to the Speaker His Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and the same being read, was in the words following :

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND.

**G**EORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith : To our beloved and faithful Subject *John Richardson*. Esquire, Greeting :— Whereas by the Advice and Assent of our Council for certain arduous and urgent affairs, us, the state and defence of our Province of Lower Canada and the Church thereof, concerning, our Legislature, at our City of Quebec, on the Twenty-sixth day of January instant, we have ordained to be holden, and there with you and other great men, and our Legislative Council of our said Province, to have conference and treaty, you, on the faith and allegiance by which you are bound to us, firmly enjoining, we command, that the difficulty and danger of the affairs aforesaid considered, laying aside every excuse whatsoever, at the Meeting of our said Legislature you be personally present with us, and the great men, and the Legislative Council aforementioned upon the said affairs to confer and your advice to afford, and this as us and the honour, safety and defence of our said Province and the Church of the same, and the dispatch of the Affairs aforementioned you love, you are in no wise to omit ; Witness our Trusty and well beloved Sir GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, and the Province aforesaid, the Twenty-fourth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the Fifty-sixth year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. D.

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND,

C. C. in Ch.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of His present Majesty, which was administered by *David Monroe*, Esq. one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly. The

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The House being informed that Lieut. Colonel *Vassal*, one of the Commissioners appointed to put in execution an Act of the Fifty-fifth year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as relates to the indemnifying the families of such Militiamen as were killed in the late War with the United States of America, attended.

He was called in, and delivered at the Bar copies of their proceedings, pursuant to the directions of the said Act.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

ORDERED, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

*Hodie 2â vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of the Press within the Province of Lower Canada."

It being then moved that the said Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House being informed that *Jean Baptiste Destimauville*, Esquire, from the Commissioners for the internal Communications of this Province, attended,

He was called in, and delivered at the Bar, pursuant to the directions of the Act of the Fifty-fifth of His Majesty's Reign for the improvement of the internal Communications, Report of the Improvements made under the Act with observations and informations on the further improvements to be made.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

ORDERED, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from *John Mure*, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for building a common Gaol for the District of Quebec, praying a further sum of Money for the use of that Building.

ORDERED, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly con-  
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tinued to Friday next, at One o'Clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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FRIDAY, 9th. FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Monk.  
Duchefnay.  
Richardson.  
De Gaspé.  
Ryland.  
Cuthbert.  
Grant.*

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The Order of the Day being read for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, "intituled, " An Act for the " better Regulation of the Press within the Province of Lower " Canada."

ORDERED, That the said Order be discharged, and that the said Bill be Committed to a Committee of the whole House, on the next sitting day.

The Speaker informed the House, that he had received a Letter from the Secretary of the Administrator in Chief, to acquaint this House, that His Excellency having had communication of the Address of this House to the late Governor in Chief, in the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, representing the expediency of appointing a Law Clerk for the service of that House, His Excellency has thought proper in consideration thereof, to appoint *George Pyke*, Esquire, to be Law Clerk to the Legislative Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Petition from the Merchants of the City of Montreal, praying for the Legislative aid to establish a Bank.

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ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

*Hodie iâ vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act to continue for a limited time an Act passed in the Forty-eighth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the Trial of controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of Lower Canada.”

A Message from the Administrator in Chief, was presented to the House, by the Honorable Mr. Ryland.

The Members rose, and the Message was read in the words following:

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND, Administrator in Chief.

The Administrator in Chief has given directions for laying before the Legislative Council, the Statements specified in the accompanying Schedule, of the Provincial Revenue of the Crown, and of the Expenditure, between the 6th January 1815, and the 5th January 1816, inclusive.

(Signed) G. D.

No. 1. ACCOUNT of Cash received by *John Caldwell*, Esquire, Receiver General, for Casual and Territorial Revenue.

2. Ditto of Cash received by do. for Duties and Licences, under the Statute of 14th Geo. 3d.

3. Ditto of Cash received by do. for Duties on Wines, under the Provincial Act of the 33d. Geo. 3d.

4. Ditto of Cash received by do. for Duties on sundry Goods, Wares and Merchandize, and Licences under do. of 35th Geo. 3d. Cap. 8 and 9.

5. Ditto of Cash received by do. for Duties on Licences for Billiard Tables, and on Manufactured Tobacco and Snuff under the Provincial Acts of 41st. Geo. 3d. Cap. 13, and 14.

6. STATEMENT of Monies collected under the Acts of the Provincial Parliament of 45th Geo. 3d. Cap. 12th and 51st Geo. 3d. Cap. 12th, and for the Expences incurred in sup-  
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porting and improving the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence.

7. ACCOUNT of Cash received by *John Caldwell*, Esquire, Receiver General, for Interest accrued on Army Bills while in the hands of Public Officers, pursuant to the Provincial Act of 52d Geo. 3d.
8. Ditto of Cash received by *John Caldwell*, Esquire, Receiver General, for Duties on sundry Goods, Wares and Merchandize under the Provincial Act of the 53d Geo. 3d. Cap. 1.
9. Ditto of Duties payable on sundry Goods, Wares and Merchandize under the Provincial Act 53d. Geo. 3d. cap. 11. amended by 55th Geo. 3d. Cap. 2.
10. Ditto of Duties payable on sundry Articles under the Provincial Act of 55th Geo. 3d. Cap. 3d.
11. Ditto of Cash received by *John Caldwell*, Esquire, Receiver General, for Duties Collected under the order of His Excellency the Administrator in Chief in Council, of 29th May 1815.
12. Ditto of Cash received by do. for Fines, Forfeitures, &c.
13. Ditto of Provincial Revenue collected and payable between 6th January 1815, and 5th January 1816.
14. STATEMENT shewing the Duties collected under sundry Acts of the Provincial Parliament of Lower-Canada, and the several appropriations thereof.
15. Do. of Articles liable to Duty under the Provincial Acts of 33d and 35th, Geo. 3d, which have passed Coteau du Lac on their way to Upper Canada from 1st January to 31st December, 1815.
16. Do. of do. liable to do. under do. of 41st Geo. 3d, which have passed do. to do. from do. to do.
17. STATEMENT of Articles liable to duty under the Provincial Act 53d, Geo. 3d, Cap. 1, which have passed Coteau du Lac

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Lac on their way to Upper Canada from 1st January to 25th March, 1815.

18. Do. of the Value of Merchandize liable to do. under the 53d, Geo. 3d, Cap. 2, amended by do. 55, Geo. 3d, Cap. 2, which has passed do. on its way to do. from 1st January, to 31st December, 1815.
19. Do. of Articles liable to do. under do. 55, Geo. 3d, Cap. 3, which have passed do. on their way to do. from 25th March to 31st, December, 1815.
20. ABSTRACT of Warrants granted by His Excellency Sir *George Prevost*, Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief, and by His Excellency Sir *Gordon Drummond*, K. C. B. Administrator in Chief, on *John Caldwell*, Esqr. Receiver General, in payment of the Civil Expenditure of Lower Canada, for the year 1815.
21. Do. of do. granted by do. do. and by do. on do. in payment of the Salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and House Assembly, and the Contingent Expences thereof for do.
22. Do. of the Expences of the Collection of the Revenue of Lower Canada for the year ending 5th January 1816.

Quebec, 6th February, 1816.

(Signed) JOS. CARY,

Act'g. Insp'r. Gen'l. P. P. Accounts.

ORDERED, that the said Message and the Papers accompanying the same do lie on the table for the consideration of the Members of this House.

Another Message from the Administrator in Chief was presented to the House by the Honorable Mr. *Ryland*.

The Members rose and the Message was read in the words following :

(Signed)

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND, Administrator in Chief.

The Administrator in Chief has directed to be laid before the Legislative Council, the plans made by a person appointed by the late Governor in Chief, of a Bridge over the River St. Maurice, together with a statement and estimate of the probable expence of the erection thereof.

The Administrator in Chief also informs the Legislative Council, that in pursuance of the 5th Section of the Act for the improvement of the internal communications, he caused measures to be taken for procuring plans and estimates of the expence necessary for rendering the river Richelieu navigable, from Chambly to St. John's ; but the only person who offered to undertake the survey, having demanded nearly the whole sum granted by the Legislature for the purpose, the Administrator in Chief thought it expedient to decline the proposal, conceiving the terms of it to be exorbitant and that no choice of plans would thereby be afforded as contemplated by the Legislature.

(Signed) G. D.

ORDERED, That the said Message and the Papers accompanying the same, do lie on the Table, for the consideration of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at One o'clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Duchesnay.*

*Richardson.*

*De Gaspé.*

*Ryland.*

*Grant.*

*Cuthbert.*

*Debartzsch.*

PRAYERS.



## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Cutbbert* presented a Bill.

ORDERED, that the same be read.

*Hodie 1<sup>a</sup> vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act to alter and amend  
“ the Criminal Law in certain cases, and to provide more effectual  
“ remedies against the Commission of Crimes and offences.”

ORDERED, that the said Bill be read for a second time on the next sitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Blanchette* with a Bill intituled, “ An Act to establish a Watch in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, to Light the said Cities, and to defray the expence thereof,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, that the said Bill be read for a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Petition from the Merchants and other Inhabitants of the City of Montreal, praying for the Legislative aid to incorporate them into a Company for Insuring against accidents by fire.

ORDERED, that the same do lie on the table.

*Hodie 2<sup>a</sup> vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act to continue for a  
“ limited time, an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of His Majesty’s  
“ reign, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the trial of controverted Elections or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of  
“ Lower Canada.”

ORDERED, that the said Bill be read for a third time on the next sitting day.

The order of the day being read, for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, “ An Act for  
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“ the better regulation of the Prefs within the Province of Lower  
“ Canada.”

The House, according to order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill.

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he delivered in at the table.

The said amendments being then twice read by the Clerk, and the question being severally put on them.

They were severally agreed to by the House.

It was moved, that the consideration of this Bill be postponed to the first day of May next.

The same being objected to ;

The Question being put on this motion.

After debate,

It was resolved in the negative.

ORDERED, that the said Bill be engrossed.

The Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours* presented a Petition from the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, praying for an additional Salary.

ORDERED, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours* informed the House, that the health of the Honorable Mr. *De Rouville* a Member of this House, was so bad as not to permit his attendance in this House.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

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TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The*

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Monk.  
De St. Ours.  
Duchefnay.  
Richardson.  
De Gaspé.*

*Ryland.  
Grant.  
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Debartzch.*

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. *Monk* sat Speaker.

*Hodie 2â vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to alter and amend  
" the Criminal Law in certain cases, and to provide more effectual re-  
" medies against the commission of Crimes and Offences."

ORDERED, That the said Bill be committed and to a Committee of the  
whole House, on the next sitting day.

*Hodie 3â vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to continue for a  
" limited time, an Act passed in the Forty-eighth year of His Majesty's  
" Reign, intituled, " An Act to regulate the Trial of controverted  
" Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assem-  
" bly of Lower Canada."

The Question being put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly,  
and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed  
this Bill without any amendment.

*Hodie 3â vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act for the better Re-  
" gulation of the Press within the Province of Lower Canada."

The Question being put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

The same was objected to.

After debate,

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It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to appropriate a sum of Money therein mentioned, to the purchase of a Service of Plate, to be presented to Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, late Governor in Chief of this Province, as a mark of respect for his character, and of gratitude for the services which he has rendered to this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for a second time on Thursday next.

ORDERED, That such part of the Journals of this House of the 31st of January last, where the names of the Members of this House were called over, be now read.

The same was accordingly read.

Thereupon, the Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours* having presented to this House that the Honorable Mr. *De Rouville* had written his excuses for not being able to attend at the opening of this Session of Provincial Parliament, and that from circumstances, the same had not arrived previous to his being called on the 31st January last; and the House having taken into consideration the ill state of health of the Honorable Mr. *De Rouville*, it is Ordered that his excuses be now received; as well for his non-attendance on that day as to the present

The Honorable Mr. *Debartzch* asks for leave to go down to the House of Assembly as one of the Commissioners for the Internal Communications of this Province, with the Report of Improvements made under the Act of the Fifty-fifth of His Majesty's Reign, Chapter 8th, in pursuance of the directions of the same.

ORDERED, That the leave asked for be granted.

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The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a petition from the Clerk of the Markets and Inspector of Weights and Measures.

ORDERED, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to To-morrow, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, the House so decreeing.

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WEDNESDAY, 14th. FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Duchefnay.*

*Richardson.*

*De Gaspé.*

*Ryland.*

*Cuthbert.*

*Drbartzch.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* sat Speaker.

The order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled, " An Act to establish a Watch in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, to light the said Cities, and to defray the expence thereof."

It was moved,

That the said order be postponed to the next sitting day.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, according to order, was adjourned during pleasure and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, " An Act to alter and amend the Criminal Law in certain cases, and to provide more effectual remedies against the commission of crimes and offences.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours*, reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through

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through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House with several amendments which he delivered in at the table.

The said amendments being then twice read by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, that the said Bill be engrossed.

It was moved,

That the Journals of this House of yesterday relating to the order for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to appropriate a sum of money therein mentioned to the purchase of a Service of Plate to be presented to Sir *George Prevost*, Baronet, late Governor in Chief of this Province, as a mark of respect for his character, and of gratitude for the services which he has rendered to this Province," be now read.

ORDERED, accordingly.

The same being read,

It was moved, that the said order be discharged, and that the said Bill be read for a second time on the next sitting day.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to Friday next, at One o'Clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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FRIDAY 16th. FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Duchesnay.*

*Richardson.*

*De Gaspé.*

*Ryland.*

*Grant.*

*Cutbert.*

*Debartzsch.*

PRAYERS.

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* sat Speaker.

The order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to establish a Watch in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, to light the said Cities, and to defray the expence thereof."

It was moved, that the said order of the day be discharged, and that the said Bill be read for a second time on Monday next.

ORDERED, accordingly.

*Hodie 3<sup>a</sup> vice lecta est Billa*, intituled "An Act to alter and amend the Criminal Law in certain cases, and to provide more effectual remedies against the commission of crimes and offences.

The Question being put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Blanchette* with a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide means for building Hospitals for the Medical Treatment of the indigent sick, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to appropriate a sum of Money therein mentioned, to the purchase of a Service of Plate, to be presented to Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, late Governor in Chief of this Province, as a mark of respect for his character, and of gratitude for the services which he has rendered to this Province."

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* signified to the House, that His Excellency the Administrator in Chief having been apprised of the contents of the said Bill, had no objection that the House proceed therein as the House may think fit.

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The said Bill was accordingly read for a second time.

It was moved, that the said Bill be now committed and to a Committee of the whole House.

It was moved in amendment, that the consideration of this motion be postponed to the first day of May next.

The same being objected to.

After debate ;

The Question was put on the Motion in Amendment.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* presented several Messages from His Excellency the Administrator in Chief.

The Members rose, and the Messages were read in the words following :

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND, Administrator in Chief.

The Administrator in Chief informs the Legislative Council, that since the last Session of the Legislature, he has directed the sum of two hundred and seventy-seven pounds nineteen shillings, to be advanced for repairs to the Court Houses in the Districts of Montreal and Three Rivers, which the Judges in those Districts had represented as being indispensibly requisite.

The Administrator in Chief also acquaints the Legislative Council, that he had received a further representation that the Court House at Montreal is still in a state requiring much repair, it therefore appears to him, that it is requisite a permanent fund be created for supporting occasional repairs necessary for the preservation of all the Public Buildings, and that an establishment of a Board of Works, with a civil Engineer attached thereto, would be attended with considerable public benefit, as well for the preservation of the present buildings as for the superintendence and sufficient execution of such works as might hereafter be undertaken ; and he recommends to the Legislative Council, should



should the subject be brought under their consideration, to concur in making such provision as shall appear adequate to those ends.

(Signed) G. D.

*Castle of St. Lewis,  
Quebec, 16th February, 1816. }*

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND, Administrator in Chief.

The Administrator in Chief has directed to be laid before the Legislative Council the Petitions of the Commissioners for the erection of a Gaol and Court Hall at New Carlisle, for further sums of Money, to the total amount of one thousand two hundred pounds, for the completion of those buildings, and he recommends to the Legislative Council to concur in making such a provision for this object as shall appear to them to be adequate.

(Signed) G. D.

*Castle of St. Lewis,  
Quebec, 16th February, 1816. }*

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND, Administrator in Chief.

The Administrator in Chief having received from the Principal Officers of the Provincial Custom-House established at St. John's, a representation of the difficulties they experience in performing their duties to the Public from the want of suitable buildings for the department, he recommends to the Legislative Council to concur in making such provision, as shall appear to them to be adequate for the erection of a Custom House and of a Wharf and Stores for the purposes of the department, as also a place of residence for the Collector and Comptroller.

(Signed) G. D.

*Castle of St. Lewis,  
Quebec, 16th February, 1816. }*

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND, Administrator in Chief.

The Administrator in Chief having received communication of a Petition submitted to the Legislative Council by one of the Commissioners formerly appointed for the erection of a Gaol in this District, praying for a grant of a sum of Money for the payment of a balance still due from the  
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Public to the workmen employed in the erection of that building, he recommends to the Legislative Council to concur in making provision for meeting those outstanding demands, and also for effecting those repairs which it appears by the latter part of the said Commissioner's representation, are still required for the Gaol.

(Signed) G. D.

Castle of St. Lewis,  
Quebec, 16th February, 1816. }

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND, Administrator in Chief.

The Administrator in Chief acquaints the Legislative Council, that a representation having been made to him by the Commissioners appointed to superintend the repair of the Court House of the District of Quebec, that the walls of that building were not sufficiently strong to bear the addition of a third or attic story upon them, as was contemplated by the Legislature in passing the Act of the last Session providing for this object, he acceded to the recommendation of the Commissioners that the sum appropriated by the Legislature for the erection of a third story, should be applied to the extension of the building by the addition of wings, which has accordingly been done.

The Administrator in Chief has caused to be annexed hereto, for the information of the Legislative Council, the Statement of the Commissioners, and the Report of the Architects on the survey of the Court House.

(Signed) G. D.

Castle of St. Lewis,  
Quebec, 16th February, 1816. }

ORDERED. That the said Messages be taken into consideration on the next fitting day.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, the House so decreeing.

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MONDAY, 19th. FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The*

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Duchesnay.*

*Richardson.*

*De Gaspé.*

*Ryland.*

*Grant.*

*Cuthbert.*

*Debartzsch.*

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* sat Speaker.

The House, according to order, proceeded to take into consideration the Messages received from His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, on Friday the 16th instant.

**RESOLVED**, That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, to return the Thanks of this House for his Message of the 16th instant, communicating the Petitions of the Commissioners for erecting a Gaol and Court Hall at New Carlisle; also for his Message transmitting to this House the Representation made to His Excellency by the Commissioners appointed to superintend the repair of the Court House in the District of Quebec; also for his Message acquainting this House that His Excellency has directed the sum of two hundred and seventy-seven pounds nineteen shillings, to be advanced for repairs to the Court House in the Districts of Montreal and Three Rivers, and acquainting the House of the present state of the Court House at Montreal; also, for his Message communicating a Petition from one of the Commissioners formerly appointed to superintend the erection of a Gaol in the District of Quebec, praying for a grant of a further sum of money for the payment of a balance still due from the Public to the workmen employed in the erection of that building; also for his Message relative to the Petition from the principal Officers of the Customs at the Port of St. John, praying that Legislative provision may be made for the erection of a Custom House, Wharf and Stores at the said Port, and to assure His Excellency, that this House will readily concur in such measures as shall appear best calculated to accomplish the objects proposed.

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ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Richardson* and *Ryland* do wait on His Excellency the Administrator in Chief with the said Address.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to make more effectual provision for the Improvement of the Internal Communications of this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for a second time on the next fitting day.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to establish a Watch in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, to light the said Cities, and to defray the expence thereof."

The said Bill was accordingly read for a second time.

It was moved, that the said Bill be now committed and to a Committee of the whole House.

ORDERED accordingly.

The House, according to order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, with several Amendments, which he delivered in at the Table.

The said Amendments being then read twice by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House, and are as follows :

Prefs 3, line 3. Leave out "negligently" and insert "wilfully."

— — 10. After "aforesaid" insert "who may not forthwith pay such fine."

37. After "Montreal" insert "Provided always, that no Bye Law, Regulation, Rule or Order so made or enacted, shall extend to inflict corporal punishment  
" nor

“ nor imprisonment, except in default of payment of  
“ a Fine, nor to impose any pecuniary fine or forfei-  
“ ture exceeding Five Pounds Currency.”

Prefs 5, line 18 and 30. Leave out from “ Provided” inclusive to  
“ purposes” also inclusive, in the 30th line of same  
Prefs.

Prefs 6, line 3. Leave out “ this Act” and insert “ the offence com-  
“ mitted.”

ORDERED, That the said Amendments be engrossed.

The said Bill was read for a third time.

The Question being put,

Whether this Bill as amended shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly,  
and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed  
this Bill with several Amendments, to which they desire the con-  
currence of the House of Assembly.

*Hodie in vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act to provide means  
“ for building Hospitals for the Medical Treatment of the Indigent  
“ Sick and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for a second time on the next fit-  
ting day.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly con-  
tinued to To-morrow at Eleven o’Clock in the forenoon, the House so  
decreeing.

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TUESDAY, 20th. FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

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*Messrs.*

<i>Messrs. Monk.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
<i>Duchefnay.</i>	<i>Cutbert.</i>
<i>Richardson.</i>	<i>Debartzb.</i>
<i>De Gaspé.</i>	

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* reported, That the Honorable Mr. *Ryland* and himself had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, with the Address of this House of yesterday, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same very graciously.

*Hodie zá vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act to provide means  
“ for building Hospitals for the Medical Treatment of the Indigent  
“ Sick and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

It was moved, That the said Bill be committed and to a Committee of the whole House, on the First day of August next.

The same being objected to ;

After debate,

The Question being put on the Motion,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie zá vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act to make more effec-  
“ tual provision for the Improvement of the Internal Communications  
“ of this Province.”

ORDERED, That the said Bill be committed and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to To-Morrow, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, the House so decreeing.

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WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The*

*The Honorable*

<i>Messrs. Monk.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
<i>Duchesnay.</i>	<i>Cuthbert.</i>
<i>Richardson.</i>	<i>Debartzich.</i>
<i>De Gaspé.</i>	

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* sat Speaker.

The House being informed that *George Pyke*, Esquire, appointed to be Law Clerk to this House, attended.

He was then introduced and presented his Commission to the Clerk, which being read, was as follows :

*Province of* }  
*Lower-Canada.* }

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND,

George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith.

To our Trusty and well beloved *George Pyke*, Esquire, our Advocate General, of and for our Province of Lower Canada.

Know Ye that We having taken into our Royal consideration the loyalty, integrity and ability of you the said *George Pyke*, of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer motion, have nominated, constituted and appointed and by these presents do nominate, constitute and appoint you the said *George Pyke* to be the Law Clerk of the Legislative Council of our said Province of Lower Canada, to perform all and every the duties to the said office belonging.—To have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office by you the said *George Pyke*, for and during our Royal will and pleasure, and the actual residence of you the said *George Pyke*, within our said Province, together with all and singular the rights, powers, privileges, authorities, profits, salaries and emoluments to the said office belonging or appertaining.—In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the great Seal of our said Province of Lower Canada to be hereunto affixed ; Witness our  
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Trusty and well beloved Sir *Gordon Drummond*, Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief of the Government of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, Lieutenant General commanding our Forces within the said Provinces and their dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. at our Castle of Saint Lewis in our City of Quebec, in our said Province of Lower Canada, the fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord Christ, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the fifty-sixth year of our reign.

(Signed) G. D.

(Signed) JNO. TAYLOR, Dep'y. Sec'y.

The House, according to order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act to make more effectual provision for the improvement of "the internal communications of this Province."

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments which he delivered in at the table.

ORDERED, that the said report be taken into consideration on the next fitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Bill.

ORDERED, that the same be read.

*Hodie in vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act concerning future "notarial Acts or Deeds to carry Mortgages, and to establish Offices for "the enregistration of all such Acts or Deeds within this Province."

ORDERED, that the said Bill be read for a second time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to Friday next, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 23d. FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were:

*The*



*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*Ryland.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Cuthbert.*

*Richardson,*

*Grant.*

*De Gaspé,*

*Debartzsch.*

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a petition from certain proprietors of the City of Montreal, praying Legislative aid to authorise the Commissioners for removing the old walls and Fortifications that surround the City of Montreal, to fell and dispose in their behalf of a Street situated in the City of Montreal, commonly called Capital Street.

ORDERED, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Grant* also presented a Petition from some of the Members of the Corporation of the Bedford Society, praying that an Act may be passed to prolong the time allowed them by Law for the opening a Turnpike Road from St. Armand to St. John's.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments reported by the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make more effectual Provision for the Improvement of the Internal Communications of this Province."

An Amendment was proposed to be inserted in the Bill.

And the same being twice read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows: viz.

Prefs 1, line 39. After "effected" insert "without imposing too great a burthen upon those who may thereby be liable to the making of such Internal Communications."

And the Amendments reported by the Committee of the whole House being also twice read by the Clerk, were severally agreed to by the House, and are as follows, viz.

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40 56 Geo. III. Journals of the Legislative Council. A. 1816.

Prefs 2, line 35. Leave out from " Provided" inclusive, to " appoin-  
" ed" also inclusive, in the 40th line of same prels.

Prefs 6, line 18. After " Report" insert " or transmit."

22. After " thereof" insert " a Report of."

ORDERED, That the said Amendments be engrossed.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Bourdages*, who being admitted, presented a Bill, the title of which he read in the French language only, and on being required by the Speaker to read the Title in English, as hath hitherto been the practice on such occasions, declared his incapacity so to do.

It was moved,

That this Subject be taken into consideration by a Committee of the whole House, on the next sitting day.

ORDERED accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* presented two Messages from His Excellency the Administrator in Chief.

The Members rose, and the Messages were read in the words following:

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND, Administrator in Chief.

The Administrator in Chief acquaints the Legislative Council, that representations having been made to him of distresses prevailing to a very great degree in the Country Parishes, from the failure of the last Harvest, he directed the most accurate enquiry to be instituted in order to ascertain the fact.

The result of this investigation, contained in the accompanying document, the Administrator in Chief directed to be laid before the Legislative Council, recommending to them, should the subject be brought before their consideration, to concur in making provision for affording such relief as the case may appear to them to require.

Castle of St. Lewis, }  
Quebec, 23d February, 1816. }

(Signed) G. D.

(Signed)

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND, Administrator in Chief.

The Administrator in Chief has directed to be laid before the Legislative Council, the Copy of a Petition addressed to him by the Principal Inhabitants of the town of Three Rivers, shewing that the Lot of Ground set apart for the erection of a Common Gaol therein, is ill adapted for the intended purpose, and praying that another scite may be procured; and He recommends to the Legislative Council, should the subject be brought before them, to concur in making such provision as they may deem adequate to afford the relief prayed for.

Castle of St. Lewis,  
Quebec, 23<sup>d</sup> February, 1816.

(Signed) G. D.

ORDERED, That the said Messages be now taken into consideration.

Thereupon it was

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, to return the Thanks of this House for his Message of this day, communicating the Petition of the principal Inhabitants of Three Rivers, relative to the Lot of Ground set apart for the erection of a Common Gaol in that Town, and praying that another Scite may be procured; also for his Message relative to the distress which has arisen in the Country Parishes, from the failure of the last Harvest, to return the Thanks of this House for the paternal care which His Excellency has manifested towards the sufferers, by instituting an enquiry into the circumstances of the case, and to assure His Excellency, that this House will readily concur in making such provision for the objects specified in the said Messages, as they may appear to the House severally to require.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Ryland* and *Grant* do wait on His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, with the said Address.

The Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Quebec reported from the Committee appointed to revise the Rules and Standing Orders of this House, that they had revised the same, and made others in addition thereto, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

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ORDERED, That the Report be now received.

And the said Report being then received ;

ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration in a Committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

ORDERED, That the Members in Town be summoned to attend in their places in this House, on Tuesday the Twenty-seventh instant.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Blanchet*, with a Bill intituled, " An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said Cities, and to provide the means of defraying the expence thereof," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for a second time on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

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MONDAY, 26th. FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were:

	<i>The Honorable</i>	
<i>The Lord Bishop of Quebec.</i>	<i>Messrs. Monk.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
	<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Cuthbert.</i>
	<i>Duchesnay.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
	<i>Richardson.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>
	<i>De Gaspé.</i>	

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* sat Speaker.

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The Speaker laid before the House the Report of the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the 55th Geo. III. Chap. 8th, for the improvement of the Internal Communications for the District of Three Rivers.

ORDERED, That the same do lie on the table for the consideration of the Members of this House.

RESOLVED, That it appears to this House from the Accounts laid before it by *Charles De Lery*, Esquire, Deputy Clerk of this House, that a sum of upwards of Eighteen Hundred Pounds Current Money of this Province will be required to defray the expence of the repairs and alterations made in the course of the last year in the apartments appropriated to the use of the Legislative Council, and for Furniture provided for the said apartments.

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to examine and audit the said accounts, and that the Committee be the Honorable Messrs *Duchefnay*, *De Gaspé* and *Ryland*, who are to meet and adjourn as they please.

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, praying His Excellency will be pleased to issue a Letter of Credit in favor of *Charles De Lery*, Esquire; Deputy Clerk of this House, for Eighteen Hundred Pounds Current Money of this Province, towards enabling him to discharge the said accounts.

RESOLVED, That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue a Letter of Credit to the said *Charles De Lery*, Esquire, Deputy Clerk of this House, for the further sum of Six Hundred Pounds, being to enable him to defray the amount of the expences incurred in his Office since the last Session, for which he is hereafter to account.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs *Duchefnay* and *Ryland* do wait on His Excellency the Administrator in Chief with the said Address.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a petition from *Louis Gregoire* praying the exclusive right of building a Toll Bridge on the river Etchemin.

44 56 Geo. iii. Journals of the Legislative Council. A. 1816.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* also presented a Petition from Mr. *Fromenteau*, praying the exclusive right of navigating a Ponton Traversier.

And another one from the Bakers of the City of Quebec.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the Law Clerk of this House be directed by the Speaker to prepare a correct Index to the several Ordinances passed by the Governor and the Legislative Council, and also of the Statute Laws enacted since the establishment of the present Legislative Constitution, and that two hundred copies of the same be Printed under the direction of the Deputy Clerk of this House, for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Grant* and himself had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Administrator in Chief with the Address of this House of the 23d Instant, and that His Excellency was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Bill.

ORDERED, That the same be read.

*Hodie id vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act for improving the winter roads in this Province, and tending to introduce a different principle of construction in the winter carriages, so as to avoid the formation of cahots and slopes.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for a second time on the next sitting day.

The House, according to order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the subject of a Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Bourdages*, who being admitted presented a Bill, the title of which he read in the French Language only, and on being required by the Speaker to read the title in English as hath hitherto been the practice on such occasions, declared his incapacity so to do.

After some time the House was resumed.

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The Honorable Mr. *Duchésnay* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Ryland* and himself had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Administrator in Chief with the address of this House of this day, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say that he would give the necessary directions.

*Hodie 2<sup>a</sup> vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act concerning future Notarial Acts or Deeds to carry Mortgages, and to establish Offices for the enregistrement of all such Acts or Deeds within this Province."

ORDERED, That two hundred copies of the said Bill be printed in both languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

ORDERED, That two hundred copies of the Journals of the present Session be printed in both languages, with an Index for this Session, for the use of the Members of this House, and that it is the opinion of this House, that a remuneration of one hundred pounds should be made to the Clerk of this House, for his extraordinary trouble in superintending the Printing the said Journals and Index in both languages, and that he be authorized to procure such additional assistance as he shall find necessary to enable him to cause the said Journals and Index to be published as speedily as possible, and that he do charge the expences attending the same in the future contingent accounts of this House.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency Sir GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable and Military Order of the Bath, and Administrator in Chief being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown read the title of the Bill to be passed, as follows :

"An Act to continue, for a limited time, An Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the  
" trial

46 56 Geo. III. Journals of the Legislative Council, A. 1816.

“ trial of controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the  
“ House of Assembly of Lower Canada.”

To this Bill the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Deputy Clerk  
of this House, in the words following, viz. :

“ In His Majesty’s Name, His Excellency the Administrator in Chief  
doth assent to this Bill.”

Then His Excellency the Administrator in Chief was pleased to make  
the following Speech :

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*And Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

Having indulged the hope when I met you in Provincial Parlia-  
ment, that your unanimous exertions would have been diligently appli-  
ed to those objects of public advantage which I recommended to your  
particular attention, it has been with extreme concern that I have found  
those my reasonable expectations disappointed.

The House of Assembly has again entered on the discussion of a  
subject, on which the decision of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent,  
in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, has already been com-  
municated to them ; and while I deeply regret that the Assembly should  
have allowed any consideration to overbear the respect which His Royal  
Highness’s decision claimed, I feel it my duty to announce to you my  
determination to prorogue the present Parliament, and to refer to the  
sense of the people, by an immediate dissolution.

Then the Speaker of this House said,

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*And Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

It is the will and pleasure of His Excellency the Administrator in  
Chief, that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Thursday the  
second day of May next, to be then here held, and this Provincial Par-  
liament is hereby prorogued accordingly until Thursday the second day  
of May next.







**I N D E X**

**TO THE**

**J O U R N A L S**

**OF THE**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**OF THE**

**PROVINCE OF**

**LOWER-CANADA,**

**For 1814.**



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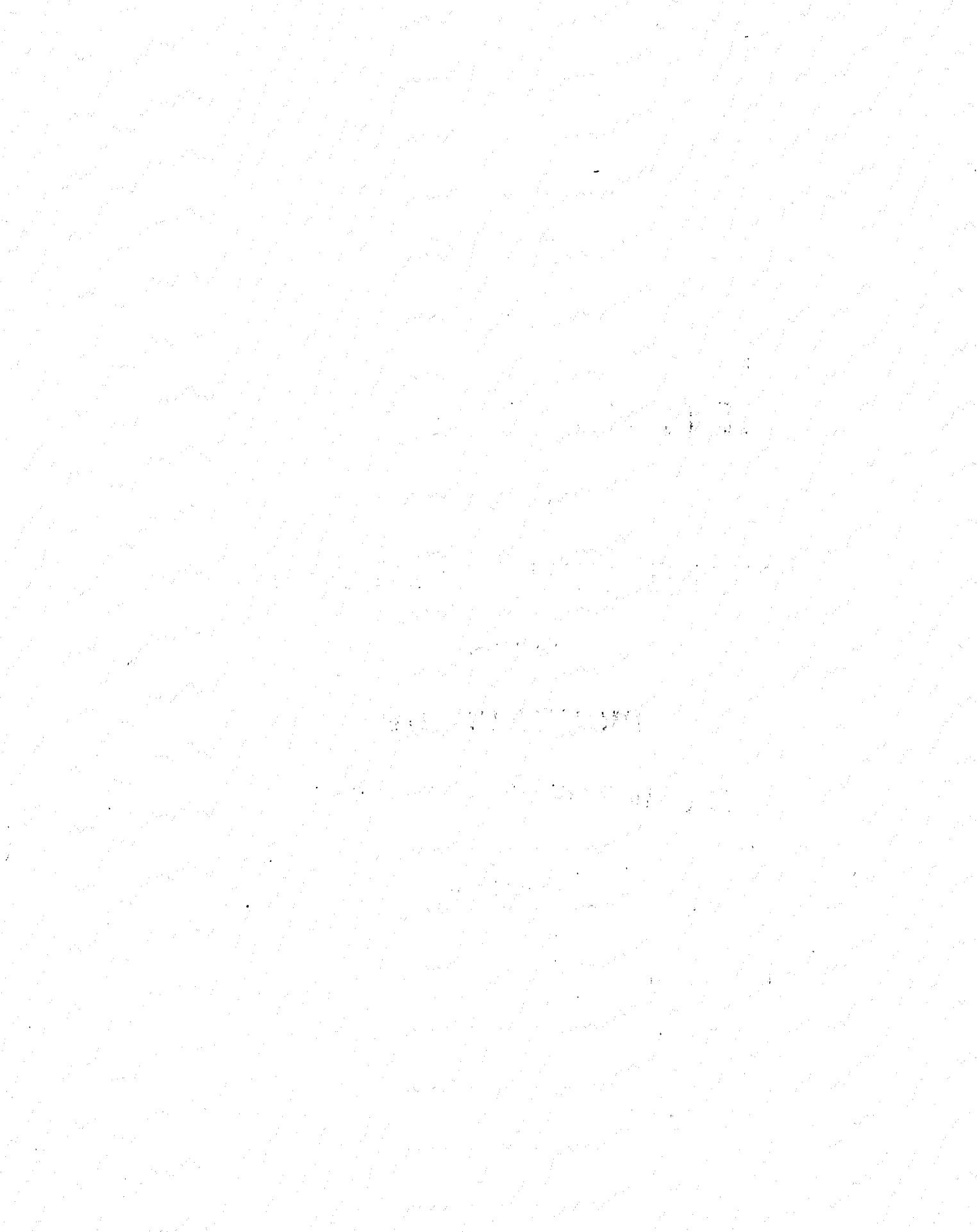
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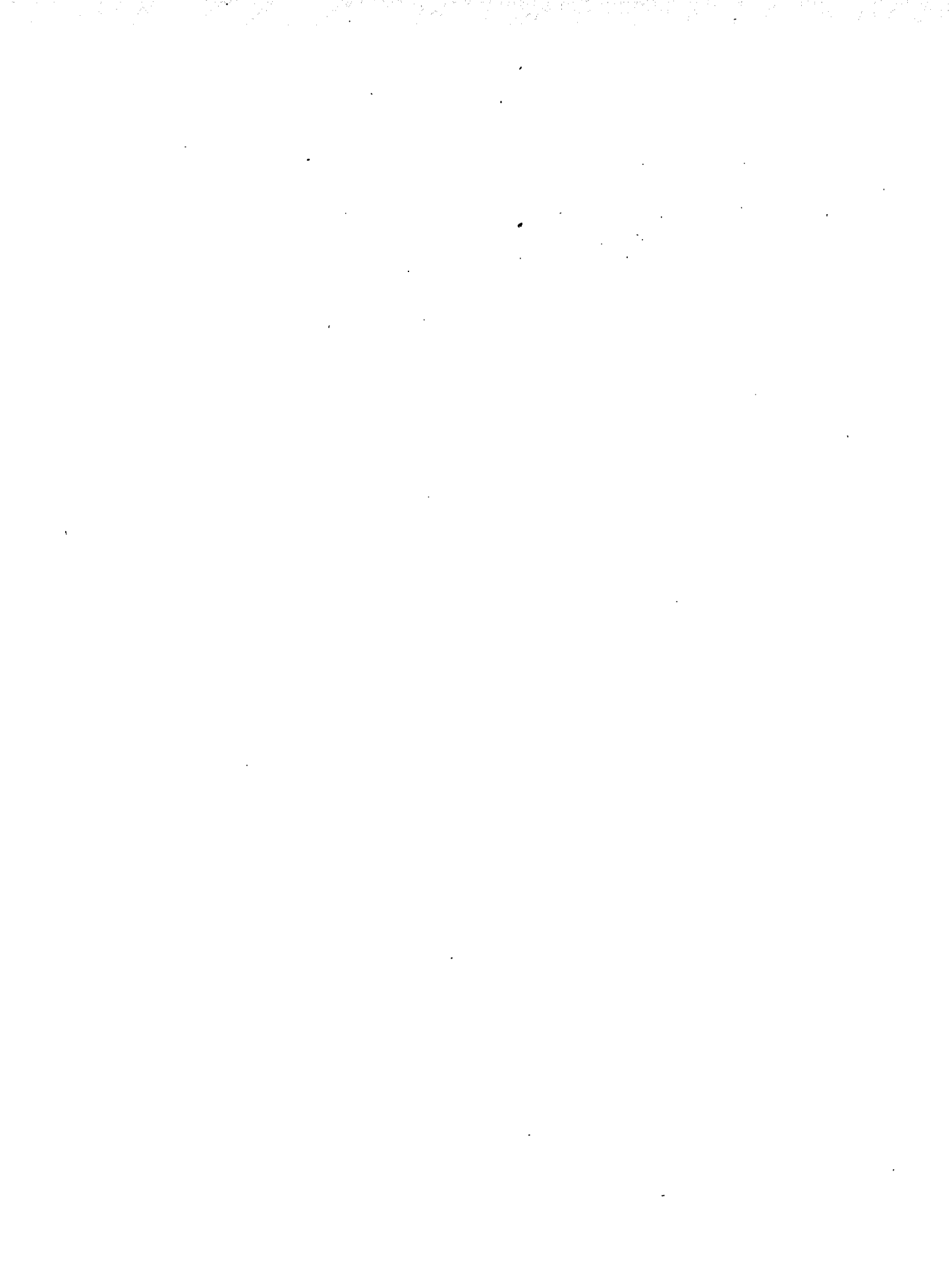
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