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R E P O R T

FROM

SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

L O W E R C A N A D A .

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
3 July 1834.

R E P O R T

FROM

SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

LOWER CANADA.

*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
3 July 1834.*

Martis, 15^o die Aprilis, 1834.

Ordered,

THAT a Select Committee be appointed to inquire and report to The House, how far the grievances complained of in the year 1828, on the part of certain Inhabitants of *Lower Canada*, have been redressed, and the recommendations of the Committee of this House which sat thereupon, have been complied with on the part of His Majesty's Government, and to inquire into the matter of certain other grievances not then brought under the consideration of this House, but now set forth in Resolutions of the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada* in the present Session, and to report their opinion thereupon to The House:—
And a Committee is appointed, of—

Mr. Secretary Stanley.	Mr. Robinson.
Mr. Roebuck.	Mr. O'Connell.
Mr. Frankland Lewis.	Mr. Robert Grant.
Mr. Williams Wynn.	Sir Matthew Ridley.
Mr. Evelyn Denison.	Mr. Bonham Carter.
Mr. Loch.	Sir Henry Hardinge.
Mr. Fazakerley.	Mr. Henry Lytton Bulwer.
Lord Viscount Sandon.	Mr. Warre.
Mr. Labouchere.	Sir George Grey.
Sir James Graham.	Mr. Warburton.
Mr. Goulburn.	Mr. Patrick Stewart.
Lord Viscount Howick.	Mr. Oliphant.
Mr. Alexander Baring.	Mr. Edward Stewart.
Mr. Ellice.	Mr. Romilly.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the said Committee.

Veneris, 25^o die Aprilis, 1834.

Ordered, That Sir Harry Verney be added to the Committee.

Veneris, 9^o die Maii, 1834.

Ordered, That Lord Ossulston be added to the Committee.

Martis, 13^o die Maii, 1834.

Ordered, That Sir William Molesworth be added to the Committee.

Mercurii, 21^o die Maii, 1834.

Ordered, That Sir George Murray be added to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Commons of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, [presented 22 May] be referred to the Committee.

Lunæ, 16^o die Junii, 1834.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary Rice be added to the Committee.

Veneris, 20^o die Junii, 1834.

Ordered, That the Petition of Inhabitants residing on the River Restigouche and Bay Chaleurs, be referred to the Committee.

R E P O R T.

The SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to inquire and report to The HOUSE how far the Grievances complained of in the year 1828, on the part of certain Inhabitants of *Lower Canada*, have been redressed, and the recommendations of the Committee of this House which sat thereupon have been complied with on the part of His Majesty's Government; and to inquire into the Matter of certain other Grievances not then brought under the consideration of this House, but now set forth in Resolutions of the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, in the present Session; and to report their opinion thereupon to The HOUSE, and to whom several Petitions were subsequently referred:—HAVE, pursuant to the Order of The HOUSE, examined the Matters to them referred, and agreed to the following REPORT:—

YOUR COMMITTEE have taken into serious consideration the matters referred to them on the subject of the affairs of Lower Canada.

Your Committee have examined several Witnesses on these matters. They have also considered attentively the Despatches and Letters which have passed between the Colonial Office and the Governors of the Province since the year 1828, which Correspondence has been laid before them without the least reserve.

Your Committee consider it their duty to declare their opinion, that a most earnest anxiety has existed on the part of the Home Government to carry into execution the suggestions of the Select Committee of 1828, and that the endeavours of the Government to that end have been unremitting, and guided by the desire in all cases to promote the interest of the Colony; and Your Committee have observed with much satisfaction, that in several important particulars their endeavours have been completely successful. It is however with deep regret that Your Committee perceive, that in others they have not been attended with that success which might have been anticipated; heats and animosities having unfortunately arisen, and differences continuing to prevail between the branches of the Colonial Legislature, as well as between the House of Assembly and His Majesty's Government. These unhappy differences appear to Your Committee, no less calculated to check the progress of improvement in one of the most important of our Colonial Possessions, than to affect most injuriously the general interests of the British Empire.

Your Committee believe that they will best discharge their duty by withholding any further opinion on the points still in dispute. It has appeared to them that some mutual misconception has prevailed, and when Your Committee consider the extreme importance that a perfect reconciliation of these differences should take place, they express their earnest hope that these misconceptions being removed, many of the present difficulties will no longer exist or may be amicably adjusted.

Your Committee are also induced to take this course, by their persuasion that the practical measures for the future administration of Lower Canada, may best be left to the mature consideration of the Government responsible for their adoption and execution.

Your Committee are of opinion that it would not be expedient to apply for powers to lay before The House the Evidence of the Witnesses examined, or the Documents that have been laid before them.

3 July 1834.
