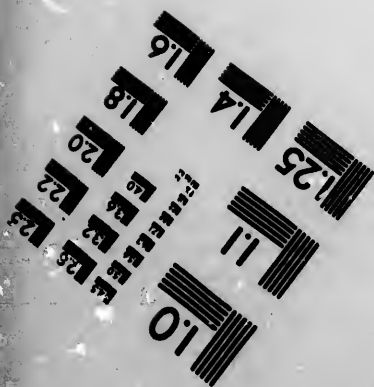
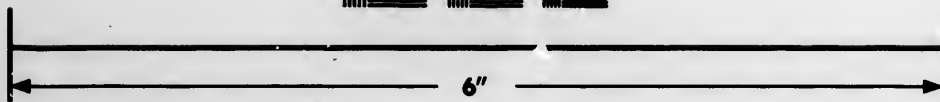
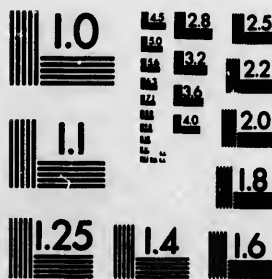


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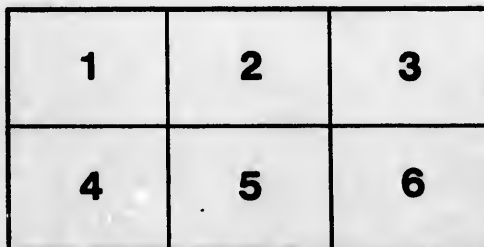
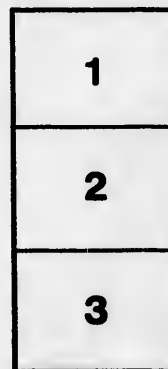
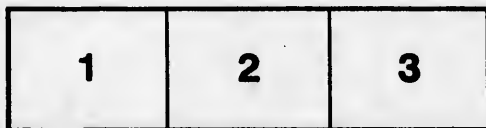
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the increasing increase of a provincial debt, for the payment of
and the largest of the public debt, for the payment of which
responsible; hence the culpable neglect of the practice of that
and retrenchment in the public expenditure, which your
is recommended from the throne, and wisely enforced in

tion, the attempts to maintain and support these monopoli-
private interests and undue advantages, by representa-
from the colonial government to particular religious denomina-
preference in provision for the support of the clergy, pre-
in the direction of education and science, preferences in ap-
ment to offices of trust, honor and profit, and preferences to
in certain localities and individuals who will give their support to
exclusive and British system.
ence the secrecy with which a large portion of the revenues has
has hitherto expended, while information concerning the several
from which it is derived and the appointments and manage-
ment in detail was year after year refused to successive parliam-
ents, in Your Majesty's name, and in the name of His late Majesty,
ness the unequal and very imperfect state of the representation
the qualified electors in the House of Assembly, in which, as at
constituted, a majority of the whole members are elected by
containing less than one third of the whole population and
and property in the province; and in which also, while one
of members are paid wages for their attendance, another class
required to defray their own expenses; bills authorizing the pay-
of their wages having been negatived in the Legislative Council,
the composed principally of executive officers or persons connect-
with or dependent on them.

ence, the very expensive and at the same time in-
efficient system for the administration of justice, its great delays, and
want of confidence which the people of this colony have so often
expressed in its dispensation.
the united advantages thus possessed by persons in authority, open
to the practice of bribery and corruption in every department
and encourage the spirit of dependence in the persons in office,
persons in office, quite unlike the leading characteristics of Bri-
tish Freedom; and have left our representatives not even the nomi-
nated over a revenue, and every manufacturing and mercantile
of the receipts and expenditure of some part of which are
fully submitted to their inspection and published as a mere man-
ifesto. Large sums of money annually raised for local purposes
the inspection of laws and assessments on houses, lands and other
erty, and by the sale of unincultivated lands already granted, and
which these assessments had not been paid, are expended by the
the magistracy, consisting of the citizens of the colony, in their
management during its pleasure; and in this, as in nearly all other
of taxation and revenue, we are deprived of the privilege of
of our property as we think fit.

We must humbly suggest to Your Majesty, that the adoption
of following propositions as the rule of law in Upper Canada, is ca-
pable and necessary to its recovery, and to the improvement of the
of the empire; and we earnestly beseech Your Majesty to di-
rect Your Ministers to give the measures we have suggested their
and efficient support.

That the qualified electors of the colony may be fairly and
fully represented in the House of Assembly.

That the people may by their representatives have the control
in all matters whatsoever coming into the hands of the government,
other arising from taxes duties or crown lands.

That the local government concerning the operations
which very little is known to the province, and the sale and
of all lands and other public property, be regulated for the
only by law.

That the Crown and Clergy Reserves, and all reservations of
land, otherwise than for the purposes of education and roads, be
abolished.

That the control over all statute labour, and over all other local
assessments, taxes, rates, and imposts, raised or levied in the towns,
municipal, counties and districts of this province, be placed in the
hands of the electors of their town, counties, or in committees duly
authorized by the said electors, when for county and district purposes.

That the undue privileges and exclusive privileges and im-
munities allowed and granted by colonial government to cer-
tain religious sects or denominations, be abolished.

That a less expensive and more prompt and efficient system be
adopted for the free and equal administration of justice; the
of small amount and difficulty may be disposed of with as
regard to the legal rights of the parties no matters of greater
importance and difficulty, but at a less expense; and that no fees or ex-
cesses, the tariff of which is not established by an act of the provin-
cial legislature.

That the right of impeachment and the mode of trial be fully
efficiently recognized and established.

That none of Your Majesty's Judges, nor clergy men of any
denomination, be entitled to hold seats either in the executive or in
the legislative councils, or in any way to interfere and concern them-
selves in the executive or legislative business of the province.

That the real estate of persons dying intestate may not de-
volve on the eldest son, or the eldest of his brethren, but be equi-
valently among the children, male and female.

That administering to your faithful Colonial people, that jus-
tice which Your Majesty has disposed of our fellow subjects in
at Britain, Your Majesty will cause the same constitutional
principles which has ended your present Ministers to office to be ful-
ly recognized and uniformly acted upon in Upper Canada; so that
we may see those only who possess the confidence of the people
possessing the executive council of Your Majesty's representative.

That we humbly pray Your Majesty to dissolve, annul and make void
and pass in the last session of the parliament of this province,
entitled "an act to repeal an act passed in the fifth session of the
parliament of this Province, entitled "an act for granting to
Your Majesty a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the
administration of this province;" and for
relating to His Majesty a certain sum of money to be applied to
the payment of the expenses of the administration of justice
for the support of the civil government of this province;" as no
other bill passed in the said last session, entitled "an act for
relating to the Market Square in the Town of York, for the
fit of the inhabitants of the said Town."

We would also humbly intreat Your Majesty's protection against
the passage of laws in the United Kingdom Parliament, (where we
are not legally elected by us of our free choice, to act and ad-
vise as for our interests), effecting sudden changes in our commer-
cial relations with Great Britain and with foreign countries; changes
which the capitals of our merchants and manufacturers are in-
cessantly being sacrificed, and our trade, commerce and agriculture
ruined; and most especially against the passing by that Par-
liament of any act tending or assuming to interfere with our
internal affairs, over which they have constitutionally no legislative
power whatsoever.

We are desirous that the East India Company may not obtain the
sole right of their charter in such form as would secure to them a
sole monopoly of the tea trade of this country.

We most Graciously beseech, favourably to listen to our suppli-
cation for a practical recognition of the principles and uses of the
British constitution, and to adopt such measures for the future
governable government of this province, as may be within the limits
of the Royal Prerogative, and best calculated to maintain the unity
of the empire, promote the happiness of your subjects, and esta-
blish on a more foundation all public and private felicity — so that, as
we are fully and conscientiously persuaded, we may be enabled to
most justly, feeling deeply that we shall be indebted for the same
to the noble efforts of our beloved monarch, shall ever hold dear and
of the name and memory of Your Most Excellent Majesty.

That Your Majesty, and your illustrious Consort the Queen, may
be blessed with health and long life, to afford to your faithful people
an example of equity, magnanimity, and immutability in your
conduct and behaviour, to secure their peace and prosperity, and to render
their affectionate attachment, is our earnest prayer to the author and
giver of every good gift.

Mr. JOHN MACINTOSH, seconded by Mr. BOSTWICK,
moved, that it be resolved, that Joseph Shepard, Thomas
David Morrison, William Cawthra, John Edward Tunn,
Alexander Bruce Kelton, and William L. Mackenzie
be a committee on behalf of the people of this town
and township, (the mover of the address being convener,)
for the accomplishment of the following objects, viz.

1st. To receive signatures to the petition and address to
His Majesty adopted by this meeting; to forward the said
address to the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Gode-
rich; and to request His Lordship to present it to the King.

2nd. To correspond with His Majesty's Ministers on the
several subjects embraced in the said address and resolu-
tions of this meeting, and to transmit to the Colonial De-
partment such information as the said Committee may con-
sider essential to our interests in support of the same.

3rd. To enclose copies of the said petition and address to
Joseph Hume, Esq. member of the Imperial Parliament
for the county of Middlesex, and to the Hon'ble Denis
Benjamin Viger, member of the Legislative Council of
Lower Canada and agent in London on behalf of that pro-
vince, and all other documents which will serve to illus-
trate and more fully explain in detail the several matters
therein set forth; and to request these gentlemen to inter-
est themselves with His Majesty's government in support
of our petition.

4th. To correspond with George Byrson, Esquire, the
agent in London on behalf of the petitioners for religious
freedom, an improvement to the system of Education, and
the abolition of clergy reserves, and to request him to af-
ford his testimony to the Ministers of the Crown in support
of those parts of the said petition which relate to the pro-
motion of religion and education and the maintenance of
the clergy.

5th. To draft and present for signatures in this town and
township a petition to the Legislative Council of the House
of Assembly, founded on and in accordance with the aver-
ments and prayer of the petition to the King and the resolu-
tions of this meeting.

6th. To receive testimony of the damage done to individ-
uals by the operation of the late act admitting American
produce into Canada Markets, and to forward the same to
England with suitable observations.

7th. To present to His Excellency the Lieutenant Gov-
ernor authentic copies of the petition to His Majesty, and
all other papers and documents transmitted to, or for the
information of the Colonial Department.

8th. To correspond with people of the other townships
in this province, to place in their hands copies of our pro-
ceedings, and invite them to concur therein.

9th. To take such other steps as they (the said commit-
tee) may consider essentially necessary for promoting the
declared objects of this meeting, and report progress from
time to time.

10th. To obtain in our name by public subscription a sum
sufficient to meet all contingencies that may be incurred
by the said committee while fulfilling the above instructions,
and to present an account of receipts and expenditures in
detail at the town meeting next January.

The Town Clerk put the question to the meeting, and
the resolution was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. ISAAC WILSON, seconded by Mr. COLIN DENISON,
moved the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting, that
the public debt of Upper Canada ought not to be augmented
for any purpose whatsoever, unless the project were
first submitted to the people for their approbation; and
that it is expedient to raise a sum in the public
expenditure, so that the debt already contracted, and the
interest annually accumulating thereon, may be speedily
liquidated. *The resolution was adopted.*

Mr. DENISON, seconded by Mr. JACOB LAVIEN, moved
the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this meeting offer their best thanks to
the Ministers of the Crown for their wise, upright and
uncompromising conduct in bringing forward the measure
of parliamentary reform from which so much benefit may
be expected to be derived to the institutions of the empire,
and also for recommending to His Majesty to assent to the
Marriage Act, so much desired by the people of this Pro-
vince.

The Town Clerk put the question, and the resolution
was unanimously agreed to, with acclamation.

Dr. TUNN, seconded by Mr. WILLIAM BRADIN, moved the
adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this meeting entertain a grateful recol-
lection of the many important services rendered to Upper
Canada by Joseph Hume, Esquire, M. P. the able and
persevering friend and advocate of civil and religious lib-
erty; and they embrace this opportunity to acknowledge his
highly meritorious services, and to tender him their
heartly thanks.

The Town Clerk put the question to the meeting, and the
resolution was agreed to by an unanimous vote, and with
acclamation.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. MACKENZIE,
seconded by Mr. BRADIN, put by the Town Clerk, and un-
animously agreed to:

Resolved, That it is not expedient to give the Stock-
holders of the Bank of Upper Canada a monopoly of the
whole Banking business of this Province, but that under
judicious regulations, banks may be advantageously es-
tablished in other sections of the country.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. MACKENZIE,
seconded by Mr. McLELLAN, put by the Town Clerk, and
unanimously agreed to by the meeting.

Resolved, That the petition now adopted be amended,
by adding after the words "civil government of this Pro-
vince," as also another bill passed in the said last session,
entitled "an act for vesting in Trustees the Market
Square in the town of York, for the benefit of the inhabi-
tants of the said town."

The address was amended accordingly.
The meeting adjourned.

Joseph Van Allen
Chairman

& Ezra Annes, appointed a committee of co-operation.—
Attested by William F. Moore, Town Clerk, Whitley.

By the unanimous vote of *Reach & Uzbridge*, on Friday the 22nd July, and Messrs. Joseph B. Pearson, John P. Plank, Carleton Lynde, Robert Dayton, and Joseph Taylor appointed a co-operating committee. Attested by Joseph B. Pearson, Chairman, Town Meeting.

By the unanimous vote of *Marham*, on Saturday the 23rd July, and Messrs. Peter Eversor, Joseph Tomlinson, Abraham Eversor, Justin Badgerow, and David Byer appointed a co-operating committee. Attested by John Wurtz, Chairman, Town Meeting.

By the unanimous vote of *Whitechurch*, on Monday the 25th July, and Messrs. John Bogart, sen'r. John Bogart, jun'r. Timothy Millard, Daniel T. Eck, and Andrew Cluhno appointed a committee of co-operation. Attested by John Bogart, sen'r. Chairman, Town Meeting.

By the unanimous vote of *East Gwillimbury*, on Tuesday the 26th July, and Messrs. Silas Fletcher, John Weddel, John Lewis, John Reid, Samuel Hughes, John Fletcher, and Lewis Powell appointed a committee of co-operation. Attested by John Weddel, Town Clerk.

By the unanimous vote of *Brook*, on Thursday the 28th July, and Messrs. Joel Wixson, Webster Stephens, James Vrooman, Archibald McPhaden, and Randal Wixson appointed a committee of co-operation. Attested by Joel Wixson, Town Clerk.

By the unanimous vote of *North Gwillimbury*, on Friday the 29th July, and Messrs. David Sprague, John I. Gosnor, Noah Gager, Isaac Bennett, and Amos Crittenden appointed a committee of co-operation. Attested by David Sprague, Town Clerk.

By the unanimous vote of *Tecumseth, West Gwillimbury, and Adjula, County of Simcoe*, on Saturday the 30th July, and Messrs. Robert Armstrong, Wm. Molton, and Nathaniel Gager all of West Gwillimbury; William Walker and William McCarty, Tecumseth; James Hampton of Adjula, and William Lawrie of Innisfil, appointed a committee of co-operation. Attested by Robert Armstrong, J. P. Chairman.

By the unanimous vote of *King*, on Monday the 1st August, and Messrs. Josse Lloyd, Jacob Hulingshead, William Haines, sen'r. William Kennedy, jun'r. Mark Learmont, William Haines, jun'r. and William Ghest, appointed a committee of co-operation. Attested by William Haines, sen'r. Town Clerk.

By the unanimous vote of *Albion*, on Tuesday the 2nd August, and Messrs. John Jaffary, James Boulton, Rob't. Finch, Frederick Baker, and John Smith appointed a committee of co-operation. Attested by James Gesta, Chairman, Town Meeting.

By the unanimous vote of *Caledon*, on Wednesday the 3rd August, and Messrs. William Clark, Donald Macquarrie, Archibald Macnaughton, George Middagh, and Wm. Judge appointed a committee of co-operation. Attested by Miles Bacon, Town Clerk.

By the unanimous vote of *Chinguacousy*, on Thursday the 4th August, and Messrs. William Johnston, Martin Salisbury, John Wolff, Joseph Lohar, and John Cesar, appointed a committee of co-operation. Attested by Dr. Wm. Johnston, Town Clerk.

By the unanimous vote of *Vaughan*, on Friday the 5th August, and Messrs. Peter Frank, Michael Burckholder, John Clark, Archibald MacDonald, and George Thompson, appointed a committee of co-operation. Attested by Peter Frank, Chairman Town Meeting.

By the unanimous vote of *Toronto*, on Saturday the 6th August, and Messrs. Charles King, Sen'r. Thomas McBride, William B. Reeve, Abijah Lewis, Martin Switzer, Wesley Watson, and William Douglas, appointed a committee of co-operation. Attested by William Beck with Reeve, Town Clerk.

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN WHITLEY.

The two following additional resolutions were adopted by the township of Whitley, on Thursday the 21st of July, 1831: hereafter concurred in by the townships of Marham, Whitechurch, East Gwillimbury, Brook, Reach and Uzbridge, King, Albion, Caledon, Chinguacousy, North Gwillimbury, Vaughan and Toronto; and claims founded upon them were added to the petition to the House of Assembly adopted in these townships.

RESOLUTIONS.

I.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Meeting that the present mode of electing our representatives in Assembly, subjects us to great and unnecessary inconvenience, inasmuch that altho' our votes might be polled in our own Township, by one of our Township Officers annually elected at our January Town Meeting, we are required to travel to a place beyond York, a distance of from 25 to 40 miles, to give in our votes; and that too often at the busiest season of the year for farmers.— If it were impossible to make our suffrages in or near Whitley we would cheerfully come to York, but it is evident from the election laws of Lower Canada, Nova-Scotia, and New Brunswick, that a far better and more judicious law for the regulation of elec-

tions might be devised, better for us, better for the Government.

II.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting that Jurors ought to be drawn from lists composed of the best qualified persons in the several Townships, or appointed in some other mode less liable to partiality and abuse, than an arbitrary selection of them by Sheriffs and Coroners, dependent for their appointment, income, and continuance in office, upon the will of the Executive Government.

Attested by (Signed)

WILLIAM F. MOORE,
Chairman, Town Meeting, Whitley
EZRA ANNES, Secretary.

A certificate transmitted for the information of the Lieutenant Governor, in compliance with the terms of a despatch from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, of the 14th of May last, addressed to His Excellency; and in accordance with the resolutions of the town meeting of this date.

The People of the Townships of ~~Reach and Uzbridge, at the Petition and Address to His Majesty and the Petition to the House of Assembly which had been previously agreed to by the Home District; they have also concurred in the several other resolutions and proceedings of the Townships of York and Whitley, certified copies of which are hereto annexed~~

Chairman.
Secretary.

