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SECOND REPORT OF THE CANADA COMMISSIONERS.

Statement of the sums now due on account of Advances to the Expenses of the Civil Government in the Administration of Justice in the Province of Lower Canada, as also the probable amount of the same Expenses for the current year.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'The military chest for an amount of money now in the chest, and the same being either the produce of the hereditary, casual and territorial revenue, or of other funds considered as such'.

The Royal Instructions to General Murray, dated the 7th of December, 1763, commanded him to name a Council, consisting of four principal functionaries, to be appointed by the Crown, and to be chosen from amongst the most considerable inhabitants of the Province; and directed that the body appointed should have all the powers and privileges usually enjoyed by the Councils in His Majesty's other Colonies.

well established. Up to 1826, when the office of Commissioner of Crown Lands was created, the Executive Council had the whole superintendance of the business of the Colony; it still retains the direction of it in some cases, and is commonly referred to by the Governor in any disputed matter arising in or out of the disposal of the Crown or wild lands.

9. The Council can assemble only on summons from the Governor, and cannot sit as such without his being present. It may and frequently does sit in committee to consider matters referred to it by the Governor, and these committees go through almost all the labour of the financial and land business of the Council; but their proceedings require to be confirmed by a regular meeting, with the Governor present, before they can be set on foot.

10. Of the Executive Council, composed as we have mentioned, and exercising the functions which we have just endeavoured to describe, a very general impression exists that it is inadequate to the business of the Province, and that it is to be reformed, or at least, that it should be reconstituted on a more liberal and useful basis.

21. We have had an opportunity to see a Report, chiefly relating to the Executive Council, made to Sir Francis Burton in 1825, by Mr. Unmack & Mr. Vanfelson, & at that time the opinion was expressed that the Executive Council ought to be made more numerous, and include more men independent in circumstances and influential in the Colony, together with the principal officers of Government.

22. In the paper contained in Mr. Neilson's letter to your Lordship, dated 10th July, 1835, explaining the views of the parties by whom that gentleman had been deputed to visit England, the opinion expressed respecting the Executive Council, that it ought to consist of the heads of the public departments, with a considerable admixture of persons independent of the Government, and of the administration for the time being; and that the members of the Council should be chosen from the whole of the Province, giving to the people at large confidence, and checking cabals in the Council itself.

23. Mr. Caron, the late mayor of this city, and until very recently a member of the House of Assembly, informed us, as your Lordship will observe by the evidence appended to our present communication, that he had seen a list of names, although a Council reassembling the Ministry in England would appear to him preferable in itself, yet under the existing circumstances of the country, he thought the simplest and most eligible mode of forming it would be to choose a number of persons of public confidence, and to leave to the Governor the extent of his present responsibility.

24. Having thus described the various suggestions and opinions that have been under our notice we shall now proceed to state our own views on the subject of the Executive Council, and to set forth the reasons which induce us to recommend that it should be reconstituted on a more liberal and useful basis.

25. The earliest complaint which was made relative to the Executive Council, was that the connection alleged to subsist between the two Councils. On this point the Governor-in-Chief has announced his intention to place the Executive Council on a more liberal and useful basis, and that it is neither right nor consistent with the wholesome separation and independence of the principal bodies of the Government, that out of the limited number of Executive Councilors in the Province several should hold offices under the Legislature, Council and House of Assembly.

26. With respect to the presence of office-holders in the Executive Council, no objection to it was urged by any of the gentlemen from whom we received the evidence appended to this Report, nor from what we can gather of the wishes of the Assembly, do we believe that in itself it would be objectionable to them.

STATEMENT OF THE NET PROCEEDS OF THE DUTIES AND LICENSES LEVIED UNDER THE 14th GEO. 3, CHAP. 85, SINCE THE LAST APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE, FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Net proceeds (after deduction of the proportion due for Upper Canada) for the year ending 10th October, 1835'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1834'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1835'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1836'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1837'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1838'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1839'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1840'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1841'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1842'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1843'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1844'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1845'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1846'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1847'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1848'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1849'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1850'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1851'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1852'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1853'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1854'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1855'.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN LOWER CANADA, FOR FOUR YEARS, FROM 1832 TO 1835 INCLUSIVE.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Expenses of Civil Government and Administration of Justice for the year ending 10th October, 1856'.