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THE COMMONS HOUSE OF  
ASSEMBLY of Upper Canada,  
PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT  
ASSEMBLED-

*The Petitioners of the Undersigned  
Inhabitants of the District of Bathurst, Most  
Respectfully Sheweth:*

That your petitioners have, with a degree of patience and fortitude seldom equalled, encountered the obstacles and privations which must necessarily be surmounted in the formation of a new settlement far removed from any inhabited and without the advantage of passable roads and although the innumerable swamps through which they are obliged to travel are and always have been impassable for carriages of any kind, yet they have borne the fatigue and inconvenience of such a state communication with their neighbours in the hope that the Legislature would grant them relief by the appropriation of a sum of money, for the improvement of the original roads in this section of the Province. This expectation they were induced to entertain from the circumstance that the population of the District, amounting to more than 15,000 souls, contribute largely to the general improvement of the country, as well as support of the Government, and have never, notwithstanding this important claim to consideration, received the advantage of 1 farthing of public money for the repair of

roads or bridges in their district. It was therefore, with extreme mortification and surprise that they learned of the failure of the measure of the last Session, for an expenditure of money on this paramount claim on the public funds at the disposal of Parliament.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly solicit the early and earnest attention of your Honourable body, to the deplorable condition of the roads and bridges in this remote part of the Province, and for their improvement, grant a sum of money to render passable some of the principal highways, viz: 1 leading from Perth to Division Brockville and Edmund, and the branches, the one to commence at No. 1 in the 8<sup>th</sup> concession, Township of Drummond to the Township of Ramsay and Pakenham, by Ferguson's falls; and the other to commence at No. 27 in the 8<sup>th</sup> concession,

Your petitioners would also beg less at your Honourable House the consideration of the following particulars. It is a well known fact that the enormous expenses in the District Court, amount in many instances to five times the original debt which must be oppressive and greatly detrimental to the prosperity of the country. Instead of this method of collecting small sums often ruinous to the indigent debtor, we would humbly pray your Honourable House to take the following plan into consideration:

Viz.- A Civil Bill Court, established on the same principles as in Great Britain

and Ireland over which an assistant Oct 30 1879

Barister presides, and in which liquidated  
sums to the amount of £ 20, and  
unliquidated suits to the amount of £ 10,

*The Upper Canada Herald*, which is

certainly the most moderate and honest

Province, though the Editor is a member of  
the best suit the interest of the Province in  
general, and of this District in particular. We  
would likewise beg your Honourable House  
to take into consideration the expediency,  
or absolute necessity of establishing

*Parliament*, holds the following language  
regarding the resolutions passed here at the  
Dist. Meeting, on the first day of the fair

Bankrupt laws and insolvent debtor's act, on  
whatever plan it may appear to you that the  
exigency of the case may require, adhering  
at all circumstances, as far as possible, to the  
principles upon which these laws are based  
in Great Britain and Ireland. It must have

"A series of Resolutions adopted at a public  
meeting held in the District of Bathurst will  
be found among our extracts. The people of

that District have taken the constitutional  
method of making their opinions and wants

known to the Legislature, and we wish that  
the inhabitants of every District in the  
Province would follow so praiseworthy an

example. I know the merits of the several  
subjects embraced in the Resolutions we  
have not at present time to comment, but a

single page convinces us that they are all  
worthy the serious consideration of the

Province, by their means if Subjects are  
often deprived of their liberty without  
sufficient cause, and costs are accumulated  
to gratify, in many instances, malicious  
dispositions: - we therefore pray your hon.

Legislature."

House to make such amendments in this  
Law, as your wisdom may seem meet.

Pursuant to one of the Resolutions  
passed on the first day of the Fair, the

which we wish to see in all parts of the  
Province, and we beg to draw your  
attention to the Bill, which we published in our last number,

adjoining meeting at the District convened  
at Mr. Cameron's store on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. It  
was attended by the following persons: -

House to pass a law, amending the  
appointment of persons, unconnected with

which we published in our last number,  
and it was resolved that the

measures, in our humble opinion, would  
have a very salutary effect throughout the  
country at large.

Following details he requested to use in  
most strenuous exertions in explaining to

All which, with dutiful respect, is  
submitted to your Hon. House, and your

their neighbours the object of the petition,  
and in getting Freeholders to sign their

petitioners in duty bound, will ever pray.

names, and when they shall have gotten as  
many as they think they can obtain, they are

Chairman, if any other, whose names are not

requested to forward the same to the

results which the District may reap, from

activity and perseverance in getting  
subscriber's names, their kind exertions will  
be duly appreciated by the committee

- Wm. Morris, Esq. Perth
- Mr. Charles Bailey, Dalhousie
- Mr. A. Craig, Inverness
- Mr. E. Wilson, North Sherbrooke.
- Mr. Samuel Boulton, Bathurst Mills.
- Mr. John Richey, Ferguson's Falls.
- Mr. Robert Ball, Murphy's Falls.
- Mr. John Gemmel, Shipman's Mills.
- Mr. John Blowson, Innkeeper.
- Mr. Patrick Newlan, Beckwith.
- Mr. Andrew Hill, Richmond.
- Mr. John Adamson, Bytown.
- Mr. John Toschach, Ramsay.
- Louis Rendt, Esq. Bathurst.
- Mr. John Gray, do.
- Mr. Joshua Adams, do.

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October 2, 1824

TO THE FREE AND INDEPENDENT  
ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY  
OF LANARK

your representation, I first had the honour to  
address you, as a Candidate for your  
suffrages. I hazarded the opinion that the  
welfare of the Farmer was not sufficiently  
attended by our Legislature, suggesting at  
the same time that I was whose interests  
were intimately blended with your own  
should be the object of your choice. In  
conferring upon me that dignified honour,  
I have endeavoured to discharge the duty  
of the Legislature, to give  
happinee and prosperity with this object in  
view. I feel assured, address to his  
Majesty praying for a reasonable duty on the

of which, by the last and former session of  
the House, is a striking illustration of the  
truth of my former opinion, and proves  
connected with the soil, the advancement of  
agriculture will be kept subservient to every  
other consideration  
I next introduced a bill to extend the  
county for the destruction of Wolves, which  
was the first measure I introduced, the  
inconvenience arising to the public in  
attending Courts of Justice as jurors claimed  
my attention, reasonable compensation I  
thought should be given. I then for I brought  
in a bill to discharge the fees of legal officers  
and jurors attending Quarter Sessions;  
This bill I have now introduced.  
Perry's Turv Bill

opposed in all its stages as placing too great a power in the hands of the Magistrates and

being tried by his equals. I also opposed in conjunction with other Members from this

last Session, on the credit of the Province and applied to

I court investigation of my Parliamentary conduct and vote during the two sessions that I represented this County and although

my efforts have not yet been crowned with success, they have awakened the public to

just sense of their interests and there is no evil however great but the unanimous

exercise of our constitutional rights will most assuredly overcome. The period is fast

approaching when you will again be called upon to exercise your elective privileges. I

present myself to your consideration, and should I still possess your confidence and be

retained as one of your Members, I will fearlessly advocate such measures as will

tend to promote the advancement of the

and the honour and dignity of the British

Empire. Permit me to sign myself, while I subscribe myself,

GENTLEMEN,

Your humble and obedient servant.

DONALD FRASER.

Perth, September 5, 1824.

TO THE FREE AND INDEPENDENT ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF LANARK

hand, when you will be called upon to exercise that inestimable principle of our

Constitution, the "Elective Franchise," and as I am desirous of obtaining the

I again present myself to your notice. On a former occasion I solicited your support, and

persuasion of false friends, and the intrigues of real enemies induced me, in a moment of

folly, to barter your interests and my own honour, by passively relinquishing all claim

to your suffrages.

The result of the approaching Election, the great the Province will give

a complexion to the politics of the next four years, and settle the grand question of Tory

or Radical ascendancy; from it will be dated the triumph of one party and the downfall of

the other. We will live, we will prosper, happy, contented, and free, governed by

good and equitable laws; or become a jumbled mass of anarchy and confusion

subject to the whim and caprice of a mercenary. And, as it is expected that every

aspirant to Parliamentary honours will express his opinion on the politics of the

day, and give some pledge for his rule of action, I now declare my Political Creed!

I am, GENTLEMEN, as every man ought to be, a REFORMER to a certain

extent—not of imaginary grievances; but real abuses—not the mean and mercenary toy of a

designing master, who would sacrifice his

Improvement and necessary Reform—a strenuous opposer of the Summary

Punishment act in all its bearings—a favour of appeal from the Court of Requests—averse

to an Elective Legislative Council, Universal Suffrage, and voting by ballot, as the

leading step to Republicanism—a staunch supporter of that glorious and unparalleled

superstructure the BRITISH  
 CONSTITUTION which has stood forth for  
 elected, all I promise is, to act as I  
 conscientiously believe for the best interests

Principles, and unceasing watchfulness of  
 this District, and an untiring zeal for the  
 welfare of the Province, in connection with  
 the Parent State, merit ought at your hands. I

your disapprobation to my remaining, and  
 resign.  
 Yours respectfully,  
 MALCOLM CAMERON  
 Perth, June 9 1836.

forward to ask your support, and *court the*  
*most rigid enquiry of my private life*; and I  
 will only add, in conclusion, that should you  
 think proper to elect me as one of your  
 Representatives, I will cast a new COLOUR  
 upon the FACE of things.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg the honour of being,  
 Your humble & devoted servant.

BLACK SAM.

Perth, September 25 1834

June 24, 1836

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY  
 OF LANARK

Gentlemen,

HAVING had the honour of being  
 nominated by a number of partial friends, as  
 a proper person to represent you in  
 Parliament, I cannot refuse to comply with  
 their solicitation to offer myself a Candidate  
 for your suffrages. Personally known to

principles, &c. are before you. Sensible of  
 the heartlessness of most professions and  
 pledges, I am determined not to make any;  
 and as I never solicited the honour, if I am  
 defeated it will be easily born, if I am