

Affairs of 1837
Index or Record of
Vindicator

4 Nov 1836 to 7 Nov 1837

T S BROWN
PAPERS
NO. 5.

Political Events as recorded in the "Vindicator" Newspaper
from the 4 November 1836 to the 6 November 1837 when the office
was destroyed by the Tory mob - published Louis Perrault
1836 E. B. Hallgren Editor

Nov 4 Complaint against Lord Gosford that he had not removed J. G. Cagy Thompson Fletcher Whitaker against whom proofs of
his conduct had long been made by resolution of House of
assembly - Gosford had given hopes that evil done would be removed
but failed to carry out the expectations

The town feared that Gosford would franchise the
Legislative Council

A Bill for making a rail road from the opposite Shore
to the Province Line received the Royal Assent 19 Aug 1836

Great complaints of the management of the post office
under the management of Mr Ed. Sneyer who is post master
General (Deputy) in the Province was general manager for the
post general post office Dept. in London which without
our government having a voice controlled our provincial mail
service

Nov 8 The Canadian of Quebec (Parent paper) had become a
warm advocate of Lord Gosford the Commissioner and the administration
The Patriots charged against it that in 1835/36 He asked for
certain things and declared he would never be satisfied till
they were granted. In 1836 when there is not a shadow of hope
that they will be granted we find him giving his support to
that very administration that continues to scold our claims

The rathery of the Canadian gave great annoyance to the Patriots
as it forced the defection of a strong Quebec party that had
withdrew from the determined contest

The public mind among the masses was much in abeyance
waiting for the report of the Commission from which however the
leaders of neither side had any good expectations - He should
declared in favor of the radical. Lord Gosford the despair
of all despisers Lord Glenelg a broken reed and Sir Charles
Grey too eccentric and whimsical for any good

Nov 3 - L M N No 3 published

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Nov 11 John Nichol is denounced as the Nestor of all old world Congresses
 He who had long been an enemy of Provincial Rights who would
 now have it that the House of Assembly of this Province was
 guilty of a "false malicious and scandalous assertion" when it declared
 "The malignity of the Public functionaries of this Province ^{to be}
 combined as a faction and induced by interests alone to look
 for the support of a despotic Government inimical to the rights
 and interests of the people" He declared
 the Committee reports of the Assembly of Lower
 Canada nothing more the efforts enquiries of lawyers employed
 in making out a case and in other ways endeavored the
 execution of the plots - Of Government to whom he
 said he had known Governors for forty years without seeing
 corruption in one of them

Nov 13 Settlement of McGill College with Paris Daries

18 Doct Duncombe a member of the U.C. Parliament is in London
 upon U.C. business but is much less ardently received than
 Byrnes denounced as a renegade who opposes him

A Canon of St. Adam's from at the Head of the
 proceedings recommend Union of the Province and request
 Gosford to leave the Province. It is a "The report of the select

General Committee of Delegates of the British North America

signed Elfrank Chapman Halifax Sat Dec 15 Nov 1836

It declares that in June it gave the collector a sanction of the English
 population to certain proceedings. He had collected much information
 on Canada's Representative Revenue Executive Council Canada
 Registry office &c. Had met on 8 Nov. Had given address
 to U.C. Parliament asking cooperation. Had published his Messages
 against unconstitutional change in Legislative Council. Had addressed
 the Canadians on explanation of their views "a homely and familiar
 address to our French Canadian brethren professing to be the
 their freedom with the light of truth. Had formed a
 petition for removal of Lord Gosford. Copy this document
 as expressing the views of the English party. A paragraph
 setting forth their position of freedom may be found on
 on it

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Nov 18 - The address of the ^{Conventions} ~~Association~~ stated that Mr. An
 Mr. Melhuut had said that Mr. Moun told him he used when
 Editor of the "Mirror" to tell three false facts for one truth which
 Mr. M. denied in print

Doct Gots obtained a verdict of £60 against Mr. Armit
 his friend for defamation - Will get him £60

Nov 22 Copy from Vindicator address of Constitutional ^{Conventions} Association.

Doct Duncombe returned. Lord Grenley had refused to see
 the liberal Delegates from Upper Canada through Mr. James
 addressed a letter and explained

Wheat brought from Germany + Danzig to New York + Phila
 selling for about \$200. Pennsylvania Wheat \$2.20

Meeting to deliberate House of Industry

Nov 25 Lord Grenley once a long now a shy and always a timid
 honest apathetic shrewd man

Gosford's speech to House - pay pay pay and then go
 about your business

Vindicator continued to publish long letters from English correspondents
 Chapman's objections - Revue wrote but later - our extreme
 pretensions encouraged and hostile reports named encouragingly
 Citizens of West ward organized a Watch 20 men as East ward had
 done - no watch in suburbs

Dec 2 The Vindicator always republished to articles, emboldening our
 cause and denouncing our opponents which was found in dozens
 of provincial and American papers "our neighbors have their
 eyes on us" - and some English

Political Clubs dined at Rosci's omitted Gosford's recollections
 thank to Tallouse + Head

Temperance Meeting at Museum House St Andrews night
 under Douglas's direction

Announcement of Route to India through Egypt. Steamer
 from Red Sea arrived at Bombay 1 June with letters from England 1st report

Dec 6 Warm controversy between "Vindicator" and "Canadian"
 (See Back paper) Bank of Montreal increase capital to \$2,000,000
 and go on without charter - (Dec 6) City Bank resolved
 to go on of charter has not received before June

1836 Had a good many bad competent people in office who not being responsible to the people were arbitrary and unaccountable at Custom House and elsewhere - military acts even at Bank

Dec 9 L M N 4th Letter published

Dec 13 "Conciliation declared ended" - "Solittle" policy was not to be borne - amused for a while. Government had no regard to the money in the public chest and distributed it among its favorites in such proportions as its caprice suggested without law or authority - (Read this article)

+ Read the "leader" in this paper as a resume of present position of things

Upper Canada letter "The minds of the liberal portion of our inhabitants by far the great majority have become so soured towards the Government of the mother Country that it is doubtful if their attachment has ever been severed. Nothing short of a decided change and the entire ascendency of just and liberal principles in the English Government procuring a genuine and full concession of the wishes of the great body of the Canadians for elective institutions the sole management of their domestic affairs and complete control of the whole public lands and revenues of the Country with full power to enforce full responsibility in the provincial government and its officers can ever restore our confidence or produce security or contentment"

The action of Downing Street and its agents had "engendered a conviction that the Colonists have nothing to hope for beyond what they have the physical power to enforce and resolutions to obtain" (Heard had obtained a complete transcript at the post)

Dec 23 Jeremy Bentham said the more trouble you take to amend a government the greater will be the chance against you of determination to destroy it

Dec 27 Canada Wheat sent to the States \$16000 in duties collected at Oswego Flour in New York \$10 + \$11

1837 Jan 7 L M N 5th Letter No 5 Wheat 8 1/2 bushels for States

Jan 10 Copy Remarks of London Spectator

Jan 20 Good letter of Esq Colman No 1

Feb 3 Said I will want a Bankrupt for every store occupied -

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Feb 10 Free trade with the States in lumber given I think wanted by U C - Wright's Senate Bill for free trade

Resolution of the House of Commons to King of Duties on Lumber of American Growth passed a province and few duties of provinces British inhabitants talk of desecration with England - article appeared in their papers in 1835. Petitions sent from Canada (13 Feb)

Feb 14 Flour \$12 for fine - Wheat 8 1/2

Feb 17 L M N Letter No 6. 1200 people at Trois Rivières in a state of starvation

Several English newspapers ^{magazines} and reviews occupied with Canadian affairs and taking Patriot side - our cause put in strongest colors. Chipman & Kerans had a hard nut especially Chipman and Raeback - Mugh "London Correspondence"

Feb 22 New Brunswick Novelist & P. G. School all disaffected Account of Watch Committee (supported by subscriptions)

March 3 Report that Canada would be united

March 10 Canadian for a year had defended despotic government - It said it was not reform but separation that the Patriots wanted.

Mar 22 Large importations of Copper coin threatened

April 4 St Paul arrived as Sheriff. Maria Monk Meeting Copy Synopsis of Commissioners Report - Each Commissioner - or signs a disapproval of what all sign

April 7 Copy continuations of Synopsis of Report

Apr 11 L M N No 7. Copy remarks on Com^r Report

April 12 First announcement of Lord J. Russell's resolutions Read the Leader of this paper before writing - We were to be made the helots of America

Apr 21 People asked to agitate agitate - Copy this

Apr 25 - Molesworth said later time would be a moral duty Montreal Gazette explained that resolutions were founded on expediency not principle. Would answer no good purpose but leave turmoil to continue. English asked more just representation. Economy in expenditure of revenue. Amelioration of both Councils. Improvement a system of Indenture Registry offices. Change in Signorial tenure Improvement

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Apr 25 - on Navigation of St Lawrence - Union of Provinces

Both parties desired many things in common but French desired the great reform of a free government before entering upon them. The NY Abolition considered it a joyful matter - French Supremacy on the Banks of the St Lawrence forever set at rest. Kingston Chronicle thankfull "The french faction are proscribed it is hoped for ever"

Copy Commercial Advertiser comments on Royal Commission (Russell's resolutions only paid officials and left as

Apr 28 where we were) They read the news of England for Downing Street: The Supremacy of the mother Country was that of Mr Stephen. Copy Spectator end of first article "Coercion Bill is a declaration of ~~war~~ war against all Colonial assemblies - against the very essence and principle of Colonial Constitutions"

Had the long article from the Spectator -

Times & Morning Chronicle that thought resolutions did not go far enough. Some Canada considered a French faction - Concessions would overthrow British dominion. Hope short sighted in the great Organ of Concessions only made the contented Colonies loyal to this day with no desire for Separation

"There any government in a state of nominal independence of the Representation of a people and the liberty of that people is an unmeaning sound" (Spectator)

Pitt Speech on Stamp Act "The Commons of America represented in their various assemblies have invariably asserted their right of giving and granting the money their own money and they would be slaves if they had not enjoyed it"

"For France that America has existed. Three millions of people so dead to all principles of liberty as voluntarily to submit to be slaves would be fit instruments to make slaves of all the rest"

Vindicator says "The blood gobs of oppression and abuse being thus opened and the assembly deprived of its constitutional power to vote public money and to control the Public Salaries the people will hold their liberties and their lives as the

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officials hold their situations only at the will and pleasure of a corrupt executive" - (Officials might do what they pleased) (These resolutions are ~~not~~ a mere repetition of the unconstitutional doctrines that brought Charles the first to the Block and drove James the second into exile) They are the doctrines that called up the assistance of the old Colonies in 1765 & 1767)

May 2 First Anti Slavery ^{Committee of Rochester} Meeting called at St Ann's for 4th May. To take into consideration the Resolutions proposed by Lord John Russell for the adoption of the House of Commons on the 6 March last and also for other objects intimately connected with the present state condition and future fate of the Country"

May 5 Copy the leader for our position.

May 9 Caricature Russell with Canada Resolutions in great repetitions between ^{leath of} Cowdell Stanley and Lion Rockbank Copy Rockbank's Song

(Rockbank's Telegram) "We have been taught of late that "the Executive Government represented His Majesty; that our right "was to have an Executive Council representing the Cabinet Council "of Ministers and like it ^{subject} in some degree to the action of Parliament, "that our legislative Council should approximate in its independence "and reflection of the Public Character to the House of Lords", and "that the House of Commons ^{was} as a matter of course a like mass in "Minister of the House of Commons. These dreams evaporate "Now it appears our Government is responsible to the Secretary of State "who is himself an official liable to all political changes. That the "Executive Council is a private convenience of which the "Government may or may not take the advantage and which is to be "unknown to the legislature (Copy this)

Faribault published a Catalogue of Works on America especially on Canada PP 207

Meeting of Country of Montreal called by 200 persons to take into consideration the measure of Coercion proposed on the 6 March last ^{against the Country} in the House of Commons by the British Ministry and to consider the means necessary to protect the rights and liberties of the people of the Province against that aggression

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May 9 Kingston Herald said "The United States can never expect another full crop till they return to Kingly government" (Last year it was deficient)

May 11 Resolutions of County of Richelieu
Address to King by Legislature of Nova Scotia adopted 34 to 4. Condensed Councils. Claimed entire control over all revenues. The focus of British constitution is complete responsibility to the people "As a remedy for these grievances we implore your Majesty to grant us an elective Legislative Council" (as in Canada a governing class unacquainted with people held office and control of government)

"Disloyalty" and "disaffection" simply mean dissent from Congress (McKenzie?) London Constitution

May 16 By refusing to take our School Book below children turned a deaf

Meeting of County of Montreal
London Spectator. Canada had not refused a card yet. The majority said to office holders "you shall have what all that the people consider you entitled to - you are answerable not we" England had relinquished revenues but it was only giving the people their own and in taking them they had it was no part of the bargain that the Colonial Government should be put beyond ^{dependence} Colonial Parliament - might as well have pitched Constitution into the Lawrence

May 17 American Banks had suspended specie payments On News reaching Montreal meeting at Bank Harbor Montreal Bank Davison & Lemorne proposed for Peoples Bank first time recognized. Deputation met next day - agreed to obey public meeting. See Vindicator of 16th - News of Stop American suspensions reached here Saturday evening 18 May. ^{Committee} Board of trade discussed on Sunday & Monday Meeting at St Ann's market Tuesday afternoon 16th to consider propriety of Banks suspending specie payments in this City. Montreal Bank also would not work that day - held paper over. Gold 10 5/12 Silver 6 5/7 from New York. No Government Colonial Paper & specie suspended here on the 17th and able to return

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May 19 Permanent and Central Committee of Montreal named Bank of Montreal Charter must have expired as it is called the Association of the Bank of Montreal - advertisement of meeting signed by trustees

May 23 Read an article from L'Esprit in L'Esprit magazine on this paper - and continued on the 26th
Upper Canada did not suspend. Sir J.B. Bond would not sanction it. The principle of monarchy is to not be well-wishing of the Bank of Montreal's operations to ask aid from the Governor Commissioner General & Gosford on the meeting of Directors looked to King's office see his communication and action of Directors

May 26 Meeting of P.C. Central Committee
Meeting of the County of Verchers.

Paper filled with many notices of many coming meetings Gosford agreed to Bank suspension with condition that the Bank should pay specie in September for all due to Government

May 30 Lower Canada owed U.C. £40,000 as her portion of revenue which had got from Gosford in specie to assist Banks of U.C. - So announced in Herald

June 2 C. Butler said the House was negligent in passing ignorance and indifference. They were indifferent to matters so far from them and ignorant of questions the details of which were difficult to understand. The whole responsibility must fall on Ministry who order took or should understand it
L.M.N. Letter No 9

June 6 Vote on Roebucks amendment 269 ref 16 for majority of 223

Meeting of the County of Verchers Copy Resolutions read long descriptive editorial. Can from this give a good idea of Canadian Enthusiasm

Vindicator says "The anti-mercantile spirit which had waxed stronger every day throughout the Province"

The best and most abundant man took warm part

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June 9 Meeting at Quebec } Copy these
Meeting of County of St Hyacinthe }
Meeting of Permanent & Central Committee }
John Nelson in 1827 first suggested an elective Council
Sturgeon Express Mail 22 days from Halifax to Quebec
Left 11 May arrived 1 June

A vessel from Antwerp has charged that at our
wharf bought for Upper Canada at 7/4
In on the States about one third below Canada price
Dumest foreign oats sold Oats sold in Quebec 10^s 5 1/2
Foreign Wheat at New York 100 5 1/2 at Quebec 5 1/2 5 3/4

June 13 Copy Papineau's Speech at County of Montreal Meeting
Meeting County of Chambly Copy
Permanent and Central Committee

If I have not in Manuscript a different "Narrative" of
the debate on Russell's Resolutions it will be found in the Vindicator

June 16 Meeting of County of Genevieve - Copy
No recommendation of Commissioners - Lafontaine
want everything but that

One third of the LC land to emigrants had decamped
Emigrants arriving shipped neither in LC or UC
Papineau and others agreed Cape and Glavin & Johnsons favored
to carry out a recommended idea of non-compensation
Lebartzsch called some ministers to Gosford
Jones in Upper Canada required at coming season
Complete organization of the militia and even independence
of the naval corps.

June 20 Organ of the English Radicals lead in denunciation of
Russell's policy Well written - powerful -
Meeting of County of Combermere }
Gosford Proclamation } Copy
My remarks on the
John in New York 1 1/2 pm Exchange 21

June 23 Proceedings of Permanent & Central Committee }
Meeting of County of Beaufort } Copy
Gave a paragraph of Tribute to Fabre & Orde

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June 23 12 500 Bushels foreign wheat imported Quebec sold
low at 5/4 to 5/7

The Gazette called for vengeance on all magistrates and officers
of militia who proposed and seconded Resolutions

June 27 Meeting of County of St Hyacinthe - Copy
Lawyers were threatened by the Herald with loss of Commissions
for attending meetings

Officers of Militia by Proclamation No 2 ordered to act
Proclamation No 4 at the Head of their Companies - Packets sent to them
on the 30th the annual meeting was

*John from
to in Montreal
of old men
to 50 Cent.*

Call for meeting a Meeting on the 29th Resolutions signed
by 380 names - Give a narrative of my views ^{delight} taking I would ^{greatly} prefer
Citizens excited about in consequence of resolutions issued by
respecting Upper Canada all was confusion Some Country people
refused to have anything to do with them. Some plasters for
Small Chances issued by every body in Salt defence - Country
Ship keepers used their own

Executive Committee of Constitutional Association determined
to call a general meeting

June 30 Miss Mathewson wrote that the Character of Americans was not
worthy of their institutions. She admired their personal virtue and domestic
morals but they were defective in the relations between man and man
- they had yet to learn to live up to the noble principles
of their Government. The despotism of opinion in the Northern
& Middle states crushed to earth the freedom of speech and
of the press.

Meeting of the City of Montreal - Copy
Placards posted "Butlers & Fishmen - Vellyum allow the rebels
to furnish them with British supplies? You have the militia
cut vote them" - only a few Great Jones (called Greenhatch))
attended no intervention - slight altercation after the crowd dispersed
Militia officers red horrible on reading Gosford's Proclamation
Copy the paragraph

July 4 Size, depth, Evaporation of the lakes - See first volume 1st page
Meeting at Counties Lelet & Bellechasse Copy
Celebration of St Jean Baptiste - Copy
There was a Constitutional meeting on Place d'Armes
It was first found in account of rain
Look out for the Parketers. Bathing of Herald

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July 4 Meeting of County of St. Heloise - Copy
In 1831 & 1832 more Emigrants arrived at Quebec than New York
DeBligny was first of Constitutionalists

July 7 L M N No 7 Copy
Arguments they bring articles against Consumption of rum
duties freezing articles - Russell had said that if the
people waged war on the import duties he knew of
no way of carrying on the Government. This was the
Warfare of DeBligny as expressed by Collesper who through
the Vindictor was his mouth piece and by the Vindictor
had intentions must be judged. Duties which principally
swelled the revenue were on Rum Brandy Sugar
Sea Molasses and Tobacco - In Rum in 1832 it amounted
to about \$250,000 and nearly as much on Brandy
Organisations County meetings & resolutions were made unless
rum consumption was carried out. Vindictor was also
strong in advocating every thing American and Compehens
New Superiority of Government and Protection - A
Worshipper of Americanism

Gasford's Proclamation struck stark with Par
on the Back of a Buckle County of Two Mountains
who attempted to read it

July 11 Resolutions of Constitutional Meeting & Copy
a few Canadians with them (explain how many)
Henry Chesnut (Lebre Chesnut - Currier Deble
Meeting of County of Missisquoi Copy
Give my connection with this - how I got there alone -
and how I went to Naperville to stir up Cote
whip. I did to get up that meeting - about the
flags. Read my account of Missisquoi meetings at
Stambridge - regular 4th July - had my own way there
Col Ruizens dismissed for not reading Proclamations
Proclamations had been every where read. Some Captains
refused to read. Some sent letters their men to keep
out of hearing - Men at other places refused to read
- great discussion

Don't overlook - Letter to Captain of militia DeBligny - Sending books out
most of St. Heloise

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July 11 Parliament Called for 18 August
Houldt proposes to equip and send a body of men to St. Eustache
and that Government should help the Magistrates who took part in meetings
397 Electors of Richelieu all on DeBligny & resign -
DeBartzet considered the great vice father of Gasford
Members called on to appear at Quebec in homespun

July 12 My remarks at Messisquoi Meeting
Walter for saying our institution would be considered a nuisance in
England was included for libel. Attorney for Attorney the Legislative
Council a nuisance got no days in jail. Dickerson for
publishing a judgment of Fletcher was wanted to appear by
prosecutors Attorney for Attorney an ^{allegation chosen} ~~allegation~~ ~~prosecution~~ from
"faked" got 30 days in jail by witnesses wholly illegal
Review of McEne's speech (I think the mine)
Doct Duchesnois of Valence arrested on a warrant
of Doct Arnold for tearing down Gasford's Proclamation
on Sunday 2 July

Copy Compliment of New York Express to L M N
Two Troops of War with 500 Soldiers arrived at Quebec
Time is the great expounder of patriotism

July 18. Duties Rum 1/2 Brandy 1/4 Wine 2 1/2 6th Molasses 6th Sugar 1st White d 2nd Tobacco 2nd 6 3rd
Miscellaneous or manufactured 2 1/2 %

Birmingham said "Parliament has done nothing during the present
session except to pass some unimportant resolutions for
Canada" - (Reaction of Parliament calculated to make
us despondent and lose all hope of Justice from England -
the act of passing the resolutions only looked on as proof
of complete resign of England - so Schmidt.)

Meeting County of Acadie - Copy
Act passed by N.C. Parliament authorising the
Governor in Council to allow the Banks to suspend
Copy Walter Scott's remarks on Contract Bank

July 13 advertisement of Normal School St. Roman
Secretary
Continued sympathy from Montreal

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July 21. A couple of Magazines on Vandremt issue a
psephism against false meetings

Calques Veger announced as a turn-coat Duping
the administration.

Meeting called at Madra town to organize a Volunteer
Highland Corps. Scotchmen invited to attend. Now is
it that rebellious Highlanders are most expected of Scotchmen.

Labelle arrested - for what - Duchesnoy Deputy
Shanff went out to St Bonnet to arrest three persons but only
found one who gave bail before a magistrate. He met
no obstruction

Call for meeting County of St Maurice 2530 Signatures

Committee of vigilance organized in various parts
to correspond with ^{Paris} Central Committee in Montreal

July 25 Copy of letters of my remarks on Lacadie meeting

Meeting of County of Fabreuf - Copy

Rauzeau's letter and proceedings

Quest at St Anne (Vandremt) intervening at meeting told
to be off

Esquid hung in effigy at St Charles

Foreign wheat in New York 15th 17th - 60,000 quarters
had been imported into Canada - Flour \$11 in New York
& \$12 1/2 in New Orleans

Small meeting of Tories in County of Lacadie - Seldom
attended the thing - (Can allude to feelings of Tories in the
Country)

Specie demanded for postage Exchange 25 Flemish
Cure's Raquin a toy. Superior Red Antigonish Wheat 4700
bushels auctioned at Quebec 7/3 & 7/6 - In Sydney had shipped
one to St John & now wanted in Lower Province exportation for the
title. Proclamations continued to be in decision

Support at Riverton got very resolutions passed - No numbers

August 1 25 Orange Lodges in N.C. at average 50 each 17000 men

Copy Mackenzie's opinion on our power to resist
Nothing proved more fallacious than all these (my) few pieces

Must put the memoir of Sir John Russell
in narrative order

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(For the preface - Nothing more natural than the expressions
towards England - ^{however high the duty of opposition} petitions of 1823 & 28 acknowledged but
not acted on and now both great political parties arrayed
against us - Only philosophers in our favor - who encouraged
our resistance and whose indecisiveness in the parliament give
us no hope from parliament. Fear that if we gave way
this would be the precursor of tyranny in every colony
Sir Francis Head by royal loyalty - keeping back the
times and getting over the merchants had got his bread and
Butter Parliament - they hoped reform through a commission
Had more Departments than we had)

August 1 - Meeting at County of Saguenay (Copy)

Meeting called to be held in various places in Upper Canada
to express sympathy with Populace & Canadians whose liberties
were threatened by destruction

Lord Valour the mixed form Commission of the peace
Letter requiring explanations addressed to Sir D. Monrochelle
& Ernest Parlaton Esq and Doctre Masson & D. Monrochelle
for conduct at meeting 1st June

July 28. News of death of George William 4th - but not officially
received - See Vancouver 28 July - He died at Windsor 20 June
aged 72. Victoria was proclaimed ^{Queen in London} some days then 18 years old

Russell declared he would not act on resolutions without a Bill

Aug 4 Meeting County of Assumption Copy

Copy proceedings of P.C. Committee and Governor
of Valour & Governor

Victoria proclaimed in Montreal on 4th August. Attendance
small - almost exclusively officials (question this) only 18 Canadians

Aug 8 Long article on Canadian affairs from Nova Scotia

Meeting of County of St Maurice Copy

Great Constitutional Meeting at Quebec 31 July

lecturing fidelity. Evils arising from mismanagement
Repeat that meetings in various parts had demonstrated disrespect
and disaffection to authorities & British Government - Resolutions
moderate Nelson & many Canadians took part. Alfred
affair. secured the Majesty of affectionate attachment to the Constitution

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Aug 8 Comments on Doct Valois dismissal
Copy Resolutions of Toronto meeting
McKenzie's old letter to Callaghan published in *Populaire*
which Gosselin formerly of *Minerve* edited, Jones and
Amé du Peuple - & such associate - together to them.
Give the history of why McKenzie wrote the letter.
Such men give the ~~to~~ commenced writing home again

Aug 11 Read declaration of Reformers of upper Canada
Explanation of Mackenzie
Meeting of Country of Affairs, Copps
Give an account of my going with Mr Ponton and
Salisbury - about their Resolutions - How Raymond
& Peltier opposed ~~condemned~~ into Ponton - How
it was carried

Jones assailed officers of Liberal in Quebec and
French Reformers
Ponton's favourably impeded with appearance of
Canadians

The New Brunswick Resolutions declared Executive Council
had not their confidence. Colonial Office must have
been pestered with Colonel Guzman's that Stephen Peltier
had no time to examine - a happy relief when Respon-
sible government transferred the quarrel to the colonists
to be settled between them in the opposite pretensions that
were forwarded by every mail

Proceedings at Van Cleeck's Hill

Many arrears of meetings John three MPP
through up Commission

Aug 13 Copy Gazette reply to Quebec Tories
Superfluous Committee Congress employed by English Tory Press
The Standard said (as a sample) "Here may be lessons
though such lessons are much more frequently pretended
than felt of sufficient weight to justify the non-
enforcement of the claims of the strict justice; but
it is ridiculous to speak of such lessons in reference to

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Aug 15 a colony of the *Halifax* & *Quebec* of Lower Canada - a
Colony that held out subject of three months of neglect by
England" - (such language estranged the old Colonies)
Meeting of the Country of Vandrenil Copps
Four Melphates and nine militia officers had been dismissed
Protests of notes from Upper Canada much ~~stronger~~ than
Correspondence with Papineau and with Hetchken & Copps

both Executive about attendance at public meetings
Vandrenil called this "Reign of Terror"
After attending public meetings I usually write to the
Vandrenil a long highly seasoned letter signed "B" giving
the details and episodes.

Form of Dissolution

Office of the Secretary of the Province

Quebec 9th August 1837

His Excellency has been further pleased to
appoint Charles Robert Bouché, married Hetchken Jean Bte Laker
and Luc A Masson from the Commission of the Peace for
the District of Montreal &c &c

Copy above with the militia dismissals
following - Reduction because militia not organized
and the Commission nominal

Aug 18 More sympathy from Montreal - See proceedings of
great Upper Canada meetings - Approved "the steady perseverance
and patriotic conduct of British Reformers in Lower Canada"

Copy Proceedings House of Commons July 3 - £114,100.14/6

Copy Proceedings of Permanent and Control Committee

Aug 20 Militia officers long by know their own rank. What duty attend
with of companies once a year when nobody attends to answer
in parade drill or exercise - not a drum fire market or Knappe
for all the militia of Lower Canada. A number of persons are
enrolled as officers in the Books of the adjutant general but they
are not uniformed or in any way instructed as officers - all a form
to militia - Schedule of dismissals

Meeting of Parliament for public speech Copps

Full attendance 83 out of 90 members

Look for notes of 2d. session

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July 22 Give a Synopsis and Retrospect of the Speech

Read Quebec Correspondence 19 July 1837

Immediately after returning from the General Chamber House on motion of Mr. Mowbray formed itself into a Committee of the whole "on the state of the Province" and shortly afterwards the speech of His Excellency the Governor in Chief at the opening of the session was referred to that Committee. House would embody views on state of the Province of more importance than Selkirk's Chems of Downy Street or Castle St. Louis.

All petitions of private nature were ordered to lie on the table until otherwise ordered. Only one discussion on 18th July on Fugate's motion Continue Dist. for Amherst's Education Act - Resolved 61 to 15 - Mowbray said present not getting home

Papineau spoke Revolving Budget of 18th Administration for two years - might think this too often repeated but then people never tired of hearing it over.

O'Callaghan - Speak of his faithfulness - Papineau echo - Demand City Bank and Quebec Bank second Royal Charter

Case of Complaint - the Legislature for us - Neither saying special forechadowning general Legislation for us

Papineau was escorted to the House by an immense ~~sea~~ concourse of Patriots

But one Magistrate (a Choyan) left in Pointe Claire St Anne & St Genevieve

Many patriotic meetings in N.C. - met peacefully but were interrupted by Orange violence - Orange regiments show down strong for Head.

July 25 - L M N Letter 11 Copy

On the 23rd July moved seconded by DeBlainy to discharge the order for the House to go into Committee of the whole on the state of the Province and refer the speech from the throne to a ^{Special} committee of five members appointed last 6th & 5th.

Indy Thompson of Gaspe charged with intemperance. DeBlainy satisfied of his intemperance in 1827 - gave him option to resign. Not yet removed. Thompson had come up with 65 to 70 men and got this reversed

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Give in Narrative - Proceeds in H.C. on Resolutions
for records of Canadian Parliament 18th Aug
Rise of ideas of Liberty politics
My connection with politics

July 25 Meeting County of Lunenburg (copy)

Read letter from Member of House of Assembly

Draft of Answer of House to Governor's Speech
(It was adopted) Copy then of the adopted copy is not printed

Answer of Legislative Council (Copy)

Engy enquired whether the Executive was represented in the House - Lafontaine happy that he represented little personally enjoyed of Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly

Mr Papineau said it was very evident evident that we chose for the better and better place ^{in August} in the policy of the Executive since last session. The promise by which the Governor had endeavored to become the people remained unscrupled and he hoped the Representatives of the people would convince the Governor that in return for his kindness and sympathy he would obtain nothing but what he deserved and had a right to expect.

Read for account

If the Governor had not ^{often} proposed to the House but the ~~former~~ what was contained in the former and honorable document purporting to be a speech from the throne he would expect that the Representatives of the people would what the ~~same~~ determination they had so nobly

supported during the last last year years - spoke three hours concluded by recommending him to the no business with despatch colonial as now constitutionally. All this dashed obstinately necessity. Papineau - strong

determined unwavering kept them up to the work - Required a great intellect - description - not only of about 1 Nelson but DeBlainy DeBlainy Gosselin Vanpeltom & Zachee Wing

Lafontaine found of about thought to be among it head of intermediate party - And named him as speaker - hoped to work on variety of groundmen - to put him at - to vice whom his ambition but to see consequences

July 29 Large meetings in upper Canada about Toronto - Better take

a Narrative Chapter of upper Canada things

British Parliament prorogued 17 July by Queen in person
Session of the Canadian Parliament terminated - Read the account of it

Gaspe's Provoquery speech Copy

Address agreed to 18 to 31^x - Struck motion to strike

out all after "that" and substitute his motion Resolved 63 to 13
x Copy the names - Members of both and Quebec Canada - Struck Struck motion was declared
order of House to maintain order.

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Aug 24 Every one in the House unanimous in disapprobation of
Fugate as a madman

First meeting of Sons of Liberty (copy) 22 Aug 1867
make a narrative of the organization

Meeting of Central & Permanent Committee (copy)

Read correspondence with Magistrates

"Our neighbors have their eyes on us" Read many notices

from American papers copied under this heading

Sept 1st Read more Movements in upper Canada

Esford received answer to address in an angry Temper
(for rather those who went to see him when he would come it))

Members went with hats and umbrellas to show they
were ready to go

In many parishes the people left the church when the Tendon for
accession of the Queen was sung

Copy correspondence with Nelson for explanation this demanded
A great many "explanations" were now required of Magistrates
and officers of militia

The Lord of St Lambert told the people to their great disgust that
their bodies belonged to the King in the same manner that their
souls belonged to God

Officers of militia called on to resign their commissions
and Charavon'd if they refused

Answers to Walcott's letters made occasion for saying hard

Sept 5th things
Sept 5. Papeinean considered in the states one of the great reform
Spirits of the age. Compliments to him in New York
Spectator

Tories in Quebec tried to get up a riot in his arrival
Hand Bills posted in Parliament House offering £200 for his head

Stated - "the traitor is to arrive today" Course required to
meet such things - ridiculous to call one who faced all a coward

A New York paper said "We must make this a strictly political
" act altogether the most important that is now engaging
the attention of the New World." Radical papers in England
glad to expose their Government on this question
to weaken it

See danger through the mist of fear

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Sept 5

Free sheet Biography of Papeinean Nelson Brown of the New
Haven Pennant Letter Fabre Chorus Lafayette Robt Nelson
Good. The See Magazine Book

Address of London Working mens association

Orangemen crossed 7 years before only of Lodge, mill Nov 216
with 17 280 members - 33 lodges in County York with 2600 members

Permanent and Central Committee (copy) + St Valentine

The congregations of St Eustache St Scholastique & St Benoit
left church when the Te Deum was sung on the Queen's accession
Quebec Gazette asked what members would take the oath
of allegiance 20 days after L M N's letter appeared (no 11)

Preparations for lighting city with gas. Expected to be
ready in December

Exchange in New York 71 Wheat 125c 175

Rev. O. Grady's opinion on Sunday school - no doctrine of Church
against it - no obligation on conscience. Justice essential
attribute of every law.

Sept 8 War against the Revenue men - increased ^{at Quebec} importations of
duties paying articles - increase in duty for goods

Four pages of the patch about Whittier Street from Glenside
felt excluded from advancing the chemical

Vindictive admirable conducted by O'Callaghan as a Campaign
paper. Pennant & I assisted - he kept up the the Manner
which was equally good - Two papers worked together in
some sense - Read through the Manner & Herald & Gazette

Public dinner of 500 or 600 at St Denis ^{giving to} in honor of the named
Magistrates & officers of militia - Copy resolutions

U.C. Corp food sent in Kingston Wheel 21 Barley 216 Flour 13 1/2
No Bill found against Duchesneau for continuing down for destruction
Young men at meeting & Sept organized at Nelsons Hotel
under the title of "the sons of liberty" 500 or 600 present at
the general meeting which had been called for the day

Mary throwing up commissions - Magistrates Militia officers
& small amount.

A Bill against several who had been arrested for going into House
of one Choral - St Eustache Charnout - want of evidence

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Sept 12 - A four column article by me on smuggling
 strong point that people who are all the time smuggling
 and evading duties furiously had their consciences terribly
 exercised when it was made recommended by public
 opinion - I noticed the interesting
 - Copy resolutions of P & C Committee - Letters throwing up
 Organization of the Sons of Liberty - Copy the articles

Decrease of Revenue port of Montreal ~~to~~ to 5 July - in
 2 1/2 % goods \$179,271 - in value

None but Jones track accept commissions from Joseph
 Gasford Cote of St-Leonard arrested by Chappin and sent
 to Montreal for tearing down proclamations kept in attendance
 during Court but no Bill presented - Ogden had had
 enough with the one thrown out

Louis Bourquon, Luc Egebre Francis LaBelle and
 Jacques Massie had been arrested for conspiracy. Ogden
 submitted no bills of indictment before the Grand Jury
 but on the last day of the term he filed an ex-officio

Sept 15 L M N Letter No 12 Copy

Constitutional association issued a long manifesto
 signed McGill chairman Badley secretary - Union of
 provinces the one thing needed - what they wanted and
 what Canadians most detested in the end carried out to
 work oppositely to what each expected

Meeting held to elect Montreal officers in place of
 those dismissed. Capt Magie of St-Denis re-elected

Resolutions of P & C Committee - (Copy) 14 Sept
 Sale 10,000 Bushels foreign wheat at Quebec sold at 7/6 p 60
 Mr Papineau being on a visit to St-Hyacinthe returned
 by way of St-Denis ^{and for the coast up the river to} ~~lechaud~~ and Longueuil. Along the
 whole route the people turned out with flags and maple bows
 making a continued procession ^{from village to village} the whole way. Cannon and
 fireworks discharged - the most unbounded enthusiasm - a
 complete ovation - people addressed at different villages
 Nothing like it will be ever again seen

in some towns look
back on the
South of the
border

Must read file of Memoirs
of the
& Herald

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Sept 19 - American not complimented Col Brunner asked those in Canada
 "A ^{Contemptible} ~~Speculating~~ ~~Worthless~~ ~~Not~~ ~~merely~~ ~~Wooden~~ ~~-~~ ~~pumpkin~~ ~~-~~ ~~Seed~~
 - peddling piece of amencens" - Such was the language used by
 Jones to opponents. Upper Canada best in phrases

In Lunenburg Superior in jail Secretary expected two judges Rossignol
 Meuron had established a cloth factory at Lower Lachine

Commercial Bank at Kingston refused specie payments on the 16th
 Sept 22 - Long article on our affairs from O'Connell Dublin Review
 250 Ladies of St-Antoine had a Public Peluche Dinner

Commissioners officers go to New York to negotiate
 the \$125,000 advance

DeHortel offers Joseph to raise 1500 ft for ^{Argentine} ~~service~~ ⁱⁿ
 from 18 to 18 1/2 196 vessels arrive at Quebec - all in Ballast but
 except twenty - 2 New West & 1 Run

Magnetics & magnetic officers who attacked Messieurs. Meeting
 not asked for explanation - would keep well with English

The principles of democracy are the principles of the
 Christian Religion applied to politics (Plamondon)

Sept 26 More school meetings in Upper Canada. McKenney ^{in the future} ~~the~~ ~~faller~~
 Long Article from Dublin Review ^{often liked his course but had himself to} ~~continue~~ ~~to~~
 New West \$1.82 in New York June 8 1/2 & 9 1/2

Jones proposes raising 1200 men

A permanent and Central Committee formed in Quebec

Dismissals continued

Sept 27 More meetings in Upper Canada. In all of these
 long resolutions were passed sympathizing and approving
 Vote on Russell Resolutions Common 608 to 50 Lost out
 of 620 only 12 remained to vote and so little did
 they care for us these votes 11 to 1 (Brossard)

Was we not right in saying "who would be free himself must
 strike the blow" - Much of my writing in the Vindicator
 In Commons during debate only 20 or 30 wanted to hear
 no use looking for justice to the other side - Boil down
 the article

Article on Debartzeff give rationale of why such
 men turn their coat

I am Knight Hunt in one sense
and in Schmacht - on the other

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Sept 29 Vindictive instructions in picking up everything that told for
the cause - Anybody reading in other paper would have
thought the world rotten. All its columns filled with
charges to entice us and cause

Grand Jury at Quebec threw out the bill against
Doct Cacke for assaulting the man who shot Wire
le Roi des Anglais - afterwards removed & did not jump
to the Queen -

Canadians seldom appointed to office till they have
alienated themselves from the sympathies of their people
- Common practice of a party to make the best man
of a section out of deserters from the other - always called
Nativity justified - Received with the joy of a saint
among the Devils

1200 attended a dinner at St. Denis given to the
Magistrates and officers.

Ladies at St. Denis had a dinner of 149 and
passed resolutions

Oct 3. From Reform of Legislative Council
& Large meeting of the Sons of Liberty

Meeting at St. Denis to elect Magistrates
Military officers Magistrates & Commissioners (28 Sept)

Charter Press then just radical ground & then on

* At above meeting the address was adopted - turn to
this for a graph when writing

George Comberton & Paré sworn in as Executive Councilmen

Oct 5. Great Meeting at Markham

Address of the Sons of Liberty - Copy

Proceedings of Permanent Committee at St. Denis
on app election of Magistrates - a Code - Comment
on this Copy

Reports that troops would be quartered in the Country
Parishes during the winter - the 8th at Three Rivers

I asked "Where would they be in the spring?"

Quoted first lines of Marseillaise - "The King sat on
the Rocky Down"

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Oct 10. House Speaks in favor of Elective Council 3 March 1837

"Canada must depend on her own resources for
Justice" (London Correspondent) such the advice of English
extreme minority who wanted a slap at Government at home
Admiral, who stood so high in Upper Canada ^{in Canada} "I took note
of the deep interest on the struggle in Lower Canada between an
oppressed and injured people and their oppressors. All hope
of Justice from the authorities in England seems to be extinguished"

New Guinea Wheat \$1.60 in New York

Quebec Jones seeking Governor for arms and ammunition
A deputation proposing to form a life corps rejected, received
but proposition declined

Government buying horses for artillery - not
hired before

Soldiers at out posts annoy people by a new
vigilance

Boast that we had beaten the Tories with
punctilious arguments and they wished resort to Decemur
of Kings - Force always threatened on that ^{side} - Only
on ours in opposing power to us

Commissioner arrived at New York with
specie to pay arrears

Jones address Congratulation to Queen on accession
and ask for Union of Provinces -

Effect of Union - what I said to Stuart - Power
right - unable to stamp French - Confederation and give
them Lower Canada back again - Some relief in general
parliament but local which must affect us all French

Bill found against Cibaite one of the Editors of the
Liberal - for what?

Oct 13 - Said that 300 men were ordered to Three Mountains

Meeting of Permanent and Central Committee - Copy

Oct 17 In reliance on fifteen persons men must be raised and
and trusted by people last to obtain confidence of local folk
(Joseph Howe)

above appointment of New Councilmen

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Oct 17

Appointment of new Legislative Council -
Read the comments

Election of pacificators in two mountains
(Copy) This hastened the crisis
West in New York 12th c¹⁷ - in Montreal 12th in Cobourg 12th
Newspapers said that two parties of Sons of
Liberty were ~~large~~ firing on Sunday
40 houses burnt on the 13th for the detestable
An ~~threat~~ renewed there will then be in the spirit
(These menaces of the "effing" were enough to make the
Jones prepare for the winter.

American papers frequently spoke of the hosts that would
come to our assistance as to Texas
Parent at the "Canadians" going over gave much trouble
to the vindictive

Long article in which I call myself a
"democrat"

Payment of police officers commenced at the Com
missioner's office Quebec on the 12th of October

Oct 20. Nominations to the Council distasteful to Jones
on account of incapacity -

Encased at Debarzets being an Executive Councillor
Speak of him as enterprising energetic man - deserves
of material success - wished to induce American spirit
advocated the doctrine of 200000 stand of arms.

Continued meetings in upper Canada - Not
supposed that the mass of the people were much interested
Looked upon as the outpouring of a disappointed politi-
cal minority

Meeting of Permanent Central Committee Copy
Jones call a meeting

Additions to Council and Panel of Pomberston J.A. Desand
P.D. Debarzets W. Rappard E. Caron = J. Marchand
not some had received nominations
Ladies ~~for~~ ^{residence} Mrs. Jansant Peltier & Lafontaine ^{reported in papers} appeared
a friendly demand on the day of a pretty pattern

Don't forget get Jones out of sons of liberty on 22 - Ste a Barron

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Oct 24. Town meeting Place d'Armes - had been called
with much parade but went off with little spirit
Copy Revolution

Sons of Liberty paraded at Ste a Barron 1200 feet
fat through military evolutions
Flying artillery with two or three guns made a display
in the streets about hour of town meeting - was regarded as a
measure of protection

Final top of the Burlington
Meeting of Vermont Legislature 12th Norman Williams
elected State Treasurer none having been elected by the
people -
Great meeting of 5 Counties at St. Charles 23rd Oct

Copy Non directors description
Oct 27 Great Meeting at St. Charles 23rd Oct
Copy the whole

Good apprehend - like money who know more than the
Community in which they dwell assume knowledge of much
of which they are ignorant.)

Opposition to use of duties paying goods growing in N.C.
Snow Storm 24th

"All" the troops - 2 Regiments coming from U.C.
Light company of 25th to proceed to Carillon
Another company of the 66th was to leave Quebec
for local

Reported in Towns that ^{both} the parties in Montreal were
preparing for conflict - During night great demand for
rifles & muskets + Don't forget my efforts about enquiring
price &c)

Oct 31 Address of meeting of five Counties. This Council
only a few days before the outbreak must be accepted
as the final manifesto of the Canadian Party. (Copy)

L M N Letter no 13 Copy
First duty of British Ministry is to keep themselves
in office. are dependants of this article for their party. And can
only put forth what a minister will sustain

1837
 Oct 31 - 100 of the Garrison - always under arms
 Vanfelson gets a check of \$ £700 from Gosford
 that the assembly would not allow
 Jean Jacques Lartigue issued his (Mandements) Recollected
 Letter (for a copy of this) The Vindicator said it
 prepared publishing a M No letter 13 - preached
 absolute obedience and divine right
 to dare duel with Genl Comstock - Royal - Capt Mayne
 Give narrative - do duels frequently
 Fifty six magistrates and military officers in County Lacadie
 send back their Commissions
 It appears from Documents on the NE Boundary
 communicated to Congress that the British Government
 had directed the Colonial Authorities to cause all
 operations connected with the intended Rail Road from
 St Andrews to Quebec to be ~~immediately~~ immediately
 discontinued.

Nov 3 Montreal Gazette disapproves of Council
 Permanent and Central Committee. Copy this
 as the best manifesto
 Bishop Lartigue's Mandement (copy)
 People left Church when it was read
 From Maine account of R. Dur's duel (copy)
 Copy account of how the mandement was received
 in the Country
 Two Companies of the 83rd sent to three Rivers. Two more
 Companies of 66th to Lord. A detachment of Royal Artillery
 from Kingston to Montreal. The 32nd Regiment from
 Halifax - Get a statement of whole force in Canada
 The Constitutionists used had a powder arms for
 all who could not arm themselves - they could openly
 arm - We could not. Natural that I should see no
 hope but from the States.

(The public mind like many intense combats
 is slow to ignite and then when fairly inflamed carries
 invisible conflagration requires at the outset not only kindling
 but an incessant maintenance lest the sparks ^{go out} - Mr Penault
 mother of the speech moved her son and Dora on this matter.

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 Nov 7 Last Number of the Vindicator Tuesday Nov 7 1837. The
 outside had been flung off before the attack on the office (6th Nov)
 and the sheets being saved from the destruction of the
 office Six Columns were printed at another on the 8th
 inside - that is half the paper - it had 12 Columns
 Last meeting of Sons of Liberty and their Resolutions
 Copy the Vindicator account
 Comment on the mild and disguised resolutions of the
 Meeting Resolutions may be considered more spoke my
 Sentiments
 Ogden arrived in Montreal on the evening of the 17th
 Letter from London tells us that the determination of
 Ministers to force Canada with a high hand remained
 unaltered

Everything even to the manifesto of the young men
 showed that no revolt was in preparation. He took his
 power arms and organization more than as we were prepared
 to expect - was justified in revolution took at Verannes
 of which I had not a thought till then - Probable that
 had I not gone to St Charles no revolt - I had in the
 west of a great design - apparently ordered that it
 should be so and no otherwise) In every more I was
 convinced - destiny) Never was anything more complete
 the operation of a design in which the actors had no
 direction)
 Royal assent to
 Bill for Rail Road to Quebec from opposite to Quebec
 to former line for from 19 Aug 37

Some show Banks - Every body issues pamphlets
 Fall of 1837 1836 unusually severe in district of Quebec
 Frost on 4 + 6 Oct Snow on Mountains on the 7th - Hard frost 11th
 Snow 12th - 18. 19 21 + 27th - Frost of 11 + 12th extended
 to Mississippi and then to Geneva - Great deficiency of grain
 & fodder in Dist Quebec - Supplies exhausted - Some flour is bad

X Vindicator in Row Greenhouse
 to the - dates appearing
 as when taken in morning
 on the lawn

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Pages from the Court House

Warrant against Self & Paperers information on
which they were based and on the proceedings

Copies of the Bills of indictments against Self Paperers
& Publication

List of the dead buried at St Charles

List of all the persons arrested in Montreal Three Rivers
and Quebec

Three morning papers in 1837. The public meetings of
Committee - Proceedings of Montreal Permanent and
Central Committee - Sons of Liberty - Armed
Resistance or Revolt advocated by neither. No
Revolt or rebellion - only a few leaders endeavored
to defend themselves - Nothing to do with what after
wards came from the States - This was not Canadian
Revolt. I M N's letters not shown - About like
divided responsibility or financing of what I have written



