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Executive Council Chamber at York, Monday
15th July 1833

Present

The Honorable John Strachan D.D. Archdeacon of York
Presiding Counselor

The Honorable Peter Robinson
The Honorable Joseph Wells

To this Excellency Sir John Colborne K.C.B.
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada and mayor General commanding
the Majesty's Forces therein.

May it please Your Excellency,

The Council having under consideration the various papers relating to the subject
of the requisition from the Acting Governor of the Michigan Territory demanding that
Thornton Blackburn and other who have fled from the Justice of that Country and taken
refuge within this province and are now in custody at Sandwich should be given up have
the honor to report.

That as the Law of this Province does not recognize the giving up of person guilt
of such an offence as that said to have been committed by the fugitives or any such
custody as that of an agent acting under a warrant for removing a fugitive slave to the
Territory from which he fled. Your Excellency cannot in our judgment legally deliver up
the persons demanded. In this conclusion the Council is confirmed by the opinion of His
Majesty attorney General of the Province to which they by leave to call Your
Excellency's attention. All which is respectfully submitted.

John Strachan.

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