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**Complete text in handwriting**

"The late Charles Albert [Bercy?] Esq. was the second son of the late William [Benzy?] Esq. and his wife Charlotte Allemande second daughter of Mr. Allemande a citizen of the canton of Bern in Switzerland. He was born in Niagara in Upper Canada the 22 of August of 1794-His father in the same year established himself with his family at York, now Toronto, in order to superintend the settlement of a number of German settlers who he has established in the Township of Markham, situated about twenty [odd?] miles north of the town, and until the autumn of 1799 remained in that place when his father took his family to Montreal, while on his way to England (England on top of a world that has been crossed) placing Charles and his brother at school until his return from Europe 1802 and being obliged almost immediately to go to upper Canada he left his son Charles with his mother at Montreal, and did not rejoin them [till?] 1805 when he finally settled in Montreal.

From the time the subject of this article, was brought to Montreal [till ?] 1817 he continued to write at Montreal and for a while was employed in a mercantile establishment, on the breaking [illegible] of the war between Great Britain and the United States 1812 he served for a few month in the militia, which he left to enter the Commissariat Department as clerk and was not long after promoted to the grade of Acting Deputy Assistant Commissary General and was in the [exe?] of being permanently attached to the Department when the sudden cessation of hostilities between the two Governments (xxx) stop his expectations, and on the declaration of peace, was discharged with the other [illegible] officer, who were placed in the same [illegible] [illegible] with himself. Having no other occupation –is the year 1817- he moved (*a word in capital letter in the top, between this line and the one above*) to upper Canada, to enter into the mercantile business, holding a prominent position, as a merchant, Justice of the [Peaces?] and Port Master until 1836 (as a correction a second number 6, more clear, was wrote in top of the first), he was appointed Port Master (the word master has two diagonal small lines crossing words m, a, t, e) office surveyor and obliged to establish himself at Toronto, he continued to occupy that situation until the removal of the Port Master of the city when he was appointed in his Head by [In?] Lewis Head, fulfilling the activities of that important office until 1853 and acquired the official confidence of the Governor [Liu?] Francis Head [Liu?] George Arthur during the troubles of the civil commotions of the country, holder his Ministry in defense of the [cause?], until within few years of his death, he took a very active part in promoting various public improvements and institutions in Toronto, he was an director and President of the first building Society formed in that city, a considerable stockholder and President of the Gas Company – the [illegible, illegible] and Principle leader in establishing the Exchange, the property on which it is,

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Which having been furnished by him, he was also for a time proprietor of the water works and assisted with the formation of the Toronto and Lake Huron Railway company of which he was also for a short period of time President and was one of the persons who originally the plan for laying [Esplanade?] of Toronto although the project was carried out by others-He had amassed a considerable fortune by profitable speculation in real Estate, with the large sums he had invested in the various undertakings just mentioned [jointly?] reduced his means, and the troubles and anxiety caused by the difficulties [consequent?] upon the losses he suffered, so far impaired his health as to oblige him to retire from further active exertions and his illness continue to increase, it ended in his death in the beginning of Summer 1858.

He was charitable and kind and frequently aided the needed by considerable pecuniary donations, he had acquired much influence from his readiness in promoting and encouraging public enterprises, and was highly respected by those whom he was associated with (scratched word in ink), had unfortunately reduced his own fortune by too much liberality, in advancing the means to encourage unprofitable undertakings, from which he derived no kind of advantage. He was married to Miss Ann Eliza Lind, daughter of the late Joseph [Horace?] Lind of Greenwich, England. An officer attached to the Field Train and step daughter to Michel Barley Esq.-Assistant Commissary General whom survives him and is left with one Son and eight daughters to mourn his loss.

[Liu- al?] beg to endorse you the above, and regret that I could not have done so before.-

[ALBerzy?] esq.

Henry [Morgan?] Esq.

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