

lation of these four Parishes united, (and they are always interested in being united,) is such, that as often and as long as they please, they will be enabled to prevent St. Johns as well as L'Acadie and St. Luc, from deriving any benefit from their electoral franchise, by controlling at their will the choice of a Representative of the County, who must naturally become their devoted servant, inasmuch as he will be elected by them. But notwithstanding all this, we may be allowed to say, that we should be really sorry that any one should apply the foregoing observations to L. Lacoste, Esquire, the present Member for the County of Chambly, who is the elect of St. Johns as well as of the remainder of the County, and whose conduct at this juncture will prove that he has always been, as he still is, worthy of our confidence and our votes. But however honorable the conduct of our present Representative may be, this affords us no guarantee for the future, and in no wise alters our position as regards the remainder of the County.

We have shewn that this position renders us perfectly isolated as regards our interests and intercourse, from the greater part of the County, thus establishing that this position is unfavorable to us at the same time that it leaves it, as it were, impossible for the Members for the County of Chambly efficiently to represent the interests of all the localities composing it; for, if he obtains for his County, as at present constituted, any favor from the Government, with the greatest possible good-will, he will never be able so to manage that the whole of the County will enjoy or be *considered* to enjoy the benefit which might result from that favor.

But if the position of St. Johns was already unfavorable, when it could rely, when necessary, upon the support of L'Acadie and St. Luc, the interests of which are in a manner identified with those of St. John's, as shewn by the Petitions which these two Parishes are about addressing (if they have not already done so,) to the Legislature; how