

of the Seigniorship of Sillery as of four leagues in depth, and shewing the relative positions of the Seigniorships of Beauport, St. Ignace, St. Gabriel, and of the Seigniorship heretofore granted to Mr. Couillard ?

A. I will endeavour to do so in the course of to day.

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THURSDAY, 26th February 1824.

Joseph Bouchette, Esquire, produced to the Committee the annexed Sketch in conformity to the request expressed by the Committee.

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LONDON, 15th MAY 1816.

SIR.—Having been requested by the Chiefs of the domiciliated Tribe of Hurons inhabiting the Village of Jeune Lorette near Quebec, to lay before His Majesty's Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs their claims to a certain extent of Land allotted to them by the ancient French Government ; I should not be doing my duty were I to omit this opportunity of complying with their wishes.

It appears by the annexed document that they have a legal title to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  leagues in depth of the Seigniorship of St. Gabriel, granted to them by the King of France in 1651, but of which for years past they have only occupied the Lands adjacent to the Village of Lorette ; by this curtailment they experience great difficulties, as their possessions are not now adequate to maintain the increased population of their Tribe. I am not certain but what they may have been dispossessed of the remainder of their Grant owing to their omission of some technical forms for some years back, and therefore can only second their desires as far as they go in praying that an investigation of their claims may take place before the proper Officers of the Provincial Government, and which is now submitted to the consideration of my Lord Bathurst, in his wisdom either to sanction or reject. Should such an investigation be ordered by His Lordship, and in the event of its being decided that they have justly forfeited or been disseized of their possessions, it may be submitted as a question, whether it be not politic to grant them an equivalent out of some of the Crown Lands, otherwise they will be reduced to great