

Petition of the Common Council of the City of Montreal, to the Three Branches of the Legislature, adopted on the 19th of July, Alderman Tully and Councillor Lynch alone dissentient.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal,

Most respectfully represents,—

That the insufficiency of all the existing arrangements for the reception and classification of Immigrants is manifest; that the requisite care has not been taken of the sick; that no effectual distinction has been made between them and the healthy; that airy, salubrious sites for the temporary abode of either class have not been selected; that both classes have been, hitherto, huddled together in undue and even dangerous numbers on board of steamers and barges; that no efficient means of preventing them from mixing with the rural or urban population have been adopted; that the sheds within the boundaries of this City, in which thousands in every stage of disease and destitution have for some time been, and continue to be, crowded without due sanitary regulations, and even without ablutionary appliances, are causes not only of alarm, but of danger.

That your Petitioners, moved not only by a desire to protect their fellow-citizens, but by motives of humanity towards their suffering fellow-subjects, pray that Your [Excellency] Honorable House will be pleased to make Legislative provision for the evils of such magnitude. Your Petitioners more especially pray that Your [Excellency] Honorable House will establish some insular station opposite or below this City, as the point of landing or transshipment; that the same may be provided with sufficient tenements for the healthy, with hospitals for the sick, with fresh food, with cooking apparatus, and with a large medical staff, and amply supplied with nurses and attendants, as well as with the means for insuring ablution and cleanliness; That adequate means may be adopted to exclude

every diseased person from contact with the healthy, and effectually to prevent all Immigrants from passing the limits without previous examination and permission. Lastly, your Petitioners pray, that the direction and management of the Station so formed be entrusted to a single resident officer, clothed with power to enforce order, and responsible for his conduct to Colonial authority.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, for the Removal of the Immigrant Station, as prayed for by the Citizens.

{ Legislative Assembly,
Monday 19th July.

Resolved,—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, representing to His Excellency the alarming extent to which contagious fever unhappily prevails at the Emigrant Sheds, erected at the mouth of the Lachine Canal, and among the Emigrants arriving from below and congregating there,—that the situation chosen for the said Sheds, and more especially Windmill Point, is, in the opinion of this House, unsuitable and inconvenient for the reception and proper treatment of the Emigrants, while the existence of contagious disease in the immediate vicinity of the principal business thoroughfare of the City, the daily and unavoidable resort of a large portion of the Inhabitants thereof, is attended with imminent danger to the Citizens at large, and is exciting great uneasiness and apprehension in the Community,—and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause measures to be promptly taken in order to provide a Station at some place below the City, more easy of access, and in other respects better suited than the locality in question, for the purposes of a Dépôt for Emigrants, and thereby allay the existing fear of contagion.

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BARNES, Foreman.
and Jury.)