

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 18

joined in desiring such Mode of Trial, by both the Litigant Parties equally.

After the 1st Day of next September 1785, the Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec shall consist of at least thirty-one Members.

AND, to the End that the Resolutions and Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the Province (by which the said Province is now governed without an Assembly elected by the Freeholders of the same) may be made more agreeable to the general Sense and Inclinations of the People of the same, IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the first Day of next September, in the present Year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred, and eighty-five, the Legislative Council shall consist of not fewer than thirty-one Members, who shall be nominated and appointed by the King's Majesty, in the same Manner as the Members who now compose the said Council have been nominated and appointed by Virtue of the Act of Parliament passed in that Behalf in the fourteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty.

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PETITION OF SIR JOHN JOHNSON AND LOYALISTS.¹

Copy of a Petition, intituled, "The Petition of Sir John Johnston, Bar^t and others in Behalf of the Loyalists settled in Canada." Dated London, 11th April 1785 ; and signed by Colonel Gay Johnson, and others.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Petition of Sir John Johnston Baronet, and others, whose names are hereunto subscribed, on Behalf of the Officers and Soldiers of the Provincial Troops and Indian Department, who served under their Command during the late Rebellion ; and of the other Loyalists, their Associates, who have taken Refuge in Canada.

Most humbly Sheweth,

That the Persons of the above Description, animated by your Petitioner's Example, having sacrificed their Estates and Properties in support of Your Majesty's Laws and Government, did faithfully serve in Canada, and on its Frontiers, till the Reduction of these Corps ; when being still actuated by the same Principle of Loyalty and Affection, they, to the number of several Thousands, resolved to settle within Your Majesty's Government, on the Lands assigned them as a Reward for their Services, and in pursuance of the Proclamation of Your Majesty's Commissioners in the year 1776 ; and entered earnestly on the Improvement thereof, with a

¹ Canadian Archives, Q 62A-2, p. 339. See also "Copy of a Memorial to Sir John Johnson, from the Officers and private Men of the late Corps of Loyal Rangers, now inhabitants of the Royal Seigneurie No. 2 above Cataragouui." Q 24, p. 262.