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only to the Commerce of this Province in general, but to this settlement in particular. It is also humbly requested that the shipping may be allowed to Rendezvous at Cataraqi and the Inhabitants have the free use of the Lakes for whatever craft they may chuse to build.

10th They pray that three places may be pitched upon between Point au Boudet and Cataraqi for the purpose of receiving Grain from the Settlers when they have any to Spare, in consequence of your Lordship's generous proposal communicated to them thro' the Inspector of Loyalists.

11th They pray your Lordship will be so kind as to use your influence with the Commissioners appointed to examine the Claims of the Loyalists, to induce them to make a Journey to New Johnstown, New Oswegatchie, and Cataraqi to investigate the Claims of the Loyalists on this Communication, as the poverty of the Settlers in General and the expence of an attendance at Quebec or Montreal in the prosecution of their Claims, will discourage them from the attempt, or oblige them totally to relinquish them.

12th They also pray that your Lordship will be so good as to confirm to them the use of the Locks or Canalls¹ as hitherto granted by his Honor Lieu^t Governor Hope, and that you will likewise please to put them on an equal footing with the 84th Reg^t in Regard to the proportion of Lands granted to that Corps ;—this is a flattering object to your petitioners whose finances are mostly exhausted in the expensive and Arduous task of forming a Settlement in a New Country, and which on that account as well as the justice of their pretensions they hope will induce your Lordship to take this Matter into consideration.

Upon the whole your Petitioners have the fullest confidence that your Lordship will be so good as to pay every attention to the several Articles contained in this Petition that accord with Reason and Justice, and those which may appear otherwise they conceive your Lordship will kindly impute to a mistaken opinion, or want of proper information. And Your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever Pray

signed

Peter VanAlstine—	4 th	Township	Alex ^r M ^c Donell, Township N ^o 1
George Singleton—	3	do	S. Anderson Township 2
Arch ^d M ^c Donald	5	d ^o	John M ^c Donell— do N ^o 3
John Everitt	1	d ^o	Rich ^d Duncan— d ^o .— N ^o 4
Henry Simmons	2	d ^o	John Munro— d ^o .— N ^o 5
			W ^m Fraser— d ^o .— N ^o 6
			Justus Sherwood } d ^o N ^o 7
			James Campbell } d ^o N ^o 7
			John Jones }
New Johnstown }			Thos Sherwood } d ^o N ^o 8
April 15 th 1787 }			Peter Frul }

¹ Referring to the improvements made by the Government at various points on the River St. Lawrence, for facilitating the navigation of the river by batteaux.