

Q. Would not they go to some other place within the limits of the Post?

A. They might, but the Indians would not go after them. I would willingly engage to light the Light House as completely as any other in the River for nothing, merely on account of the chance that I would have of trading with the Indians, who will very generally resort there in consequence of the establishment.

Q. If the lease of the King's Posts were now to be sold, how much less would you give for it in consequence of the Light House being established at Point des Monts?

A. I would give five hundred Pounds less for it.

Q. Would there be no possibility of preventing the persons resorting to the Light House from trading with the Indians?

A. I think not; it would be a haunt for pilots and a pretext for hovering near the coast there for all manner of persons. The Indians from mere curiosity and expectation of rum, will resort there and neglect their hunting, which will be also a loss to the Lessee.

Friday, 19th February 1830.

PRESENT:—Messrs. Viger, Duval, Neilson, Laterrière, and Tremain.

Mr. Neilson in the Chair.

The Chairman proposed the following Report:—

Your Committee having considered the allegations of the Petitioner and the evidence, and the opinion given by Mr. Bélanger and David Stewart, Esquire, two disinterested gentlemen examined before your Committee, and well acquainted with the King's Posts, the character of the Indians and the nature of the trade carried on with them, are of opinion:

1^o. That injury has already resulted to the Petitioner as Lessee to the King's Posts, in consequence of the commencement of the erection of a Light House at *Pointe des Monts*.

That