

Office, or other Office in Quebec. It is also possible that during the war of 1759, when the Indians and Missionary fled to the woods, they may have been lost.

Q. Are all the Indians at Jeune Lorette Roman Catholics?

A. Yes.

Q. How many families are there now in the Village?

A. Twenty-eight or twenty-nine; the communicants may be seventy.

Q. Are the Lorette Indians a quiet, peaceable, honest, industrious people, and loyal subjects?

A. Yes; I know that they have always been ready and disposed for His Majesty's service, when required. I know of one instance wherein their answer to the Governor, on some occasion during the late war, relating to the public service, had been misrepresented. Their wish was to be employed, but their young men were in the woods, not to return 'till Saturday night.

Q. Do you think the Indians sincerely believe that they have a well founded right to the lands they claim?

A. Yes; they sincerely believe so, and say if it could only be shewn that they have no right to them, they would cease all complaint.

Q. Do you know of any steps taken by them to obtain their lands?

A. Yes; I know of one about the year 1808 or 1809. I believe there is mention of another in this Note, signed J. B. D'Estimauville, Ind. Dept. [which he delivered in, marked 5th Feby. 1819.] I have heard that a Petition was sent to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent by Col Bouchette, and it was reported the answer was favourable.

ORDERED, That Colonel Bouchette be called before the Committee on Thursday next, and that Lewis Foy, Esquire, Secretary to the Commissioners of the Jesuits' Estates, attend the Committee at the same time, and bring with him the earliest Procès Verbal of *bornage* between the Fiefs St. Gabriel and Sylleri.

Adjourned 'till Tuesday at ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, 9th February, 1819.

PRESENT:—Messieurs Neilson, (Chairman,) Davidson, Taschereau, Blanchet, Gauvreau, and Cuvillier.

Lewis Foy, Esquire, Secretary to the Commissioners of the Jesuits' Estates, called in,

Q. Are you in possession of the earliest Procès Verbal of *bor-*