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under certain regulations for the service of the Province officer'd chiefly by Canadians; which would hold out some provision for the younger branches of good families, (the want of which or of some similar resource I have heard them frequently lament,)—might be made to serve many useful purposes—would restore that martial spirit so congenial to their sentiments—and which would be also a Standard for the rest of the Country to repair to, when an enemy might threaten the frontier.

I am aware My Lord that the Loyalists settled between Cataraqui and Montreal have been incited to ask, and have been encouraged to expect a Constitution of Government different from that establish'd in the other Parts of the Province, and that to meet this wish of theirs without at the same time creating jealousy in the other subjects of the Province will be the most embarrassing point for Government in England to settle—but their Numbers are not so considerable nor their desire for a change of the present System so firmly rooted (I should hope) as to render such a measure necessary at least immediately; as otherwise I foresee that it will create a reasonable source of complaint among the Canadians.

I will in a future letter and when I shall have received the dispatches and Regulations announced to me in Your Lordships letter of the 16th August¹ have the honour to write more fully my sentiments of these and other matters

I have the honour to be My Lord with the utmost respect

Your Lordship's

most Obedient and

faithfull humble servant

HENRY HOPE

The Right Hon^{ble} Lord Sydney &c &c &c
(original)

MEMORIAL OF BRITISH MERCHANTS TRADING TO QUEBEC.²

The Committee of Merchants Trading to Quebec request the honor of waiting on Lord Sydney as early as convenient, respecting the inclosed Regulations proposed for that Province.

New York Coffee house

8 February 1786

At a General Meeting of the Merchants of London Trading to the Province of Quebec held at the New York Coffee House the 24th January 1786.

¹ Here again he has mistaken the date of the letter referred to, which was that of Aug. 20th already mentioned in note 1, p. 793, in which his appointment was announced and various instructions promised. See Q 25, p. 35.

² Canadian Archives, Q 26—1, p. 33. The points dealt with in this memorial indicate not only the chief political reforms required but also the chief points in Canada's external relations at this time. They foreshadowed the discussion for the next three years, and outlined the features dealt with in the extensive Report, or series of Reports of 1787,—the outcome of Carleton's instructions to undertake a systematic investigation of the condition of the Province.