

A P P E N D I X .

MEMORANDUM.

As much enquiry and discussion has heretofore taken place relative to what is known as "THE DELERY PATENT," it has been deemed but just to all parties interested, to annex a Copy of said Patent to the Evidence of the Committee ; together with copies of correspondence shewing what action has so far been taken by the Government in the matter, in so far as the Committee have had the means of ascertaining, as follows :—

"CATHCART."

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

"VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, defender of the Faith."

"To all to whom these Presents shall come or to whom the same may concern."—GREETING.

Letters Patent in favor of Dame Marie Josephite Fraser and others, for Exploring Mines in Seigniory of Rigault-Vaudreuil.

Recorded in the Registrar office, of the Records at Montreal, the 18th day of September, 1846, in the nineteenth.

Register of Commissions and Letters Patent, folio 253.

"Sgd. R. A. TUCKER,
"Registrar."

"Whereas, our loving subjects, Dame Marie Josephite Fraser, of our City of Quebec, in our Province of Canada, Widow of the late Honorable Charles Etienne Chaussegros De Lery, in his lifetime also, of the same place, Esquire, Charles Joseph Chaussegros De Lery, also of the same place Esquire, and Alexander Rene Chaussegros De Lery, also of the same place, Esquire, have humbly represented unto us by their petition, in that behalf, that they are Seigniors and proprietors of the Fief and Seigniory of Rigault-Vaudreuil, situate in our district of Quebec, in our said Province, and described lying and being as follows, that is to say : "An extent of ground three leagues in front, by two leagues in depth, on both sides of the river of the Chaudière Falls, with the Lakes and Islands, in the said River and that there are supposed to exist within the limits of the said Fief and Seigniory, certain ores, minerals and mines, containing gold and other precious metals, of which supposed mines, they have made the discovery, and are now desirous of digging and working for their own profit, and advantage, should they obtain our Royal Permission to the effect, and further that in obedience to the conditions of the original deed of concession of the said Fief and Seigniory to Sieur Pierre Rigault de Vaudreuil, dated at Quebec, the twenty-third day of September, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six, and signed *Beauharnois* and Hocquart, and confirmed at *Versailles* on the thirtieth day of April then following, by His most Christian Majesty Lewis the Fifteenth, they did denounce and declare to us for the expression of our Royal Will and Pleasure, the existence of the said mines, within the limits of the said Fief and Seigniory, at several places therein of which they will better inform us after further researches under our said Royal Permission, which they humbly pray us to grant in conformity with the laws and usages in force and applying in that behalf, so that they may search, dig for, and work the said mines by themselves or by other experienced persons, offering to pay us the net *one-tenth part* of the whole produce of the said mines, and praying also to be allowed a remission of the said one-tenth part for a limited time, after the melting of the said ores shall be in operation, to compensate them for the first outlay required. Therefore, now know ye, that in consideration of the Premises, We, of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, have given and granted,