

That the House will please give them authority to ratify all the clauses and conditions of the grants of the Lots already settled.

That they may have power also to give Titles to those who have none, to grant one hundred and fifty or two hundred acres more of the said Common for the accommodation of the Inhabitants and the enlargement of the Town, and to establish such annual ground rent for the same as they shall judge proper, in order that the said rents may be applied by the Trustees for the purpose of clearing the residue of the Common, and to inclose the same within a solid fence, that the Cattle belonging to the Town may have a good and convenient pasture; the which being accomplished, the Rents to be then applied to the advancement and embellishment of the Town.

That such is the prayer of the Petitioners, which they submit to the wisdom of the House, and humbly request they may be authorised to carry it into effect.

Three Rivers, 1st March, 1800.

Mr. Lees moved, seconded by Mr. Justice De Bonne, that the Petition be referred to a Committee of five Members, of whom three shall form a *Quorum*, to examine the matter thereof and report the same as it shall appear to them, to the House; and that they do meet in one of the Committee Rooms of this House on Tuesday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Coffin moved, seconded by Mr. Menut, that the consideration of the motion be postponed until Friday next.

The House divided upon the question,

Yeas 12

Nays 15

Negatived by a majority of three.

And the main question being put, a division again ensued,

Yeas 18

Nays 7

And the same being carried by a majority of eleven Votes,
ORDERED, that the said Petition be referred to a Committee of five Members, three of whom shall form a *Quorum*; to examine the matter thereof and report the same, as it shall appear to them to the House, and that they do meet in one of the Committee Rooms of this House on Tuesday next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

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