

an end to this abnormal state, and to ward off a condition still more detrimental to our interests ; and so convinced are we of the goodness and justice of our cause, that we should be more than certain of its success, had we nothing to fear from prejudice and intrigues which a blind local interest has already brought, or is at all events disposed to bring into play against us. We therefore crave permission to anticipate certain difficulties and obstacles which have already been raised.

These obstacles or difficulties have been brought forward by the County of Huntingdon and of Chambly itself, of which latter County we form a part. And first, as regards the County of Chambly ; it is asserted that by cutting off St. Johns and St. Luc, its population will be greatly reduced. Now the Village of Longueuil which is evidently progressing, is in this County, and undoubtedly before many years have expired, it will by its increase more than adequately compensate by its progress for the loss in population, which this County would suffer, were justice done to our petition. The Parish of Chambly, itself, complains that Longueuil would naturally become the chief place of the County, were our petition granted, and threatens on this account to oppose our separation from the County of Chambly. We shall offer no observations on this head, as it appears to us, that it would be an Act of injustice towards the Legislature to conceive, that they would be disposed to sacrifice our interests to those of Chambly.

With respect to the County of Huntingdon, which, in pursuance of the division of Counties contemplated in the Legislative measure introduced on this subject, would have been divided into two, thus forming the new Counties of Lacolle and Laprairie, we venture to assert that this plan was only adopted, because at the moment, no better one presented itself or was suggested to the Government or to the honorable author of the plan of division in question. Dividing the County of Huntingdon, so as to form two,