

“ half of the said River Chaudière, which fronts the
“ said pieces of land, or in the quartz and other
“ gangues which underlie the said half of the River
“ Chaudière aforesaid : and further, that, for the
“ causes aforesaid, by the Judgment aforesaid, the
“ said letters-patent and the Enrollment thereof, be
“ declared null and void, and inoperative, and illegally
“ and improvidently issued, and be cancelled, re-
“ pealed, revoked, vacated and annulled, and be set
“ aside to all intents and purposes whatever, or be,
“ at least, declared illegal, null and void, and inope-
“ rative as against the said Plaintiffs in their quality
“ of owners of the said pieces of land and of the said
“ half of the River Chaudière aforesaid, fronting the
“ said pieces of land ; and that the said Defendants
“ be adjudged and condemned to pay and satisfy
“ jointly and severally to the Plaintiffs the said sum
“ of \$250,000, with legal interest thereon, from this
“ date, the whole with costs against the said Defen-
“ dants.

“ J. O'FARRELL,
“ *Attorney for Plaintiffs.*”

A cette déclaration, les défendeurs, de Léry et Coman, ont plaidé séparément, 1o. *par défense au fonds en droit*, demurrer : 2o. *par défense au fonds en fait*, et 3o. *par exception péremptoire en droit perpétuelle*.

La cause étant maintenant inscrite pour audition sur la *défense en droit* seulement, c'est à l'appui des moyens, par lui invoqués dans ce plaidoyer, que le Défendeur de Léry borne son présent *mémoire*.

Les raisons alléguées par le Défendeur de Léry, au