
To the Honorable the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the Province of Lower-Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Nicolas Vincent, *Tsawanhonhi*, principal Christian Chief, and Captain of the Huron Nation, established at the Village of Lorette, near Quebec, Gabriel Vincent, *Owawandaronhé*, André Romain, *Tsouhahissen*, Petit Etienne, *Odiaradheité*, Louis Vincent *Sawantan*, Stanislas Coska, *Aharathaha*, principal Chiefs of the Council of the same Huron Nation at the said Village, Michel, *Tsioui Téacheandahé*, Chief of the Warriors of the same Nation at the said Village, Jean Baptiste, *Atsitarès*, Damas, *Thononsotin*, Joseph, *Orontatekha*, Pierre, *Ayenoton*, Martin, *Arondé shonti*, Isaac, *Sharenhesé*, Augustin, *Teoniyonde*, Augustin, *Hodeadété*, Koskta Bastien Barthelemy, *Kouket*, Paul, *Hodouanhont*, Noel, *Akari*, Moise, *Haonona*, Paul, *Ahérenoneshiaonenrat*, Joseph, *Aouendothié*, Fevrier Vincent, *Shashinduja*, Ignace, *Houendadejont*, Ignace, *Kouikar*, George, *Ethodi*, François, *Tekhiondi*, Louis, *Harango*, Louis, *Thoratati*, Etienne Pierre, *Tahertadé*, Pierre, *Ithodi*, Johnny André, *Aihohennête*, Baptiste Pierre Joachim Joseph, *Hadatahayés*, Laurent, *Hateryata*, Laurent, *Tekakhhituronk*, Basil, *Homoaskatha*, Fabien André Clement, *Aouenkocn* and Charles, *Shorontohian*, all Huron Indians residing in the said Village of Lorette.

Humbly Sheweth,

That on the 13th day of March in the year 1651, the Company of New France granted to the Indians, ancestors of your Petitioners, a Tract of Land, beginning at the Cape which terminates St. Joseph's Cove, and extending upwards along the Great River St. Lawrence one league, having a depth of four leagues, at the place called in the Huron Tongue *Kamaskda*, and in French Sillery, the whole under the conduct and direction of the Reverend Jesuits and their Successors. That by Letters Patent of the 11th April 1658, His Majesty the King of France, confirmed that Grant to the ancestors of your Petitioners: and His Majesty's motive, as expressed in that Instrument, was, that it is most reasonable that they should have and retain in their own country, such extent of Land as may be necessary for their support in common, and for enabling them to live in a settled state. That the said confirmation was made on condition that the Indians aforesaid, should ever be and remain under the conduct and protection of the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, without whose advice and consent they could not convey, grant, sell or alienate the said Lands, nor permit individuals to hunt or fish, without the assent of the said Fathers, to whom His Majesty granted the direction of the affairs of the said Indians, without their being obliged to render any account thereof to any one but their own Superior. That so early as the 31st December 1635, the same Company of New France had conceded to Robert Giffard the Seigniorship of Beauport, consisting