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That Your Majesty's British Subjects residing in this Province have set examples and given every encouragement in their power to promote Industry, are the principal Importers of British Manufactures, carry on three fourths of the Trade of this Country, annually return a considerable Revenue into Your Majesty's Exchequer in Great Britain; and though the great advantages this Country is naturally capable of are many and obvious for promoting the Trade and Manufactures of the Mother Country, yet for some time past, both its Landed and Commercial Interests have been declining, and if a General Assembly is not soon order'd by Your Majesty to make and enforce due obedience to Laws for encouraging Agriculture, regulating the Trade, discouraging such Importations from the other Colonies as impoverish the Province, Your Petitioners have the greatest reason to apprehend their own ruin as well as that of the Province in general.

That there is now a sufficient number of Your Majesty's Protestant Subjects residing in and possessed of real property in this Province, and who are otherwise qualified to be Members of a General Assembly.

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly supplicate Your Majesty, That You will be graciously pleased to give direction to Your Governor of this Province to call a General Assembly¹ within the same, to meet at the City of Quebec, in such manner as is used in those Provinces in America under Your Majesty's immediate Government.

And Your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Henry Taylor	Simon Fraser	Cha ^s Grant
Jas. Sinclair	John Fine	John Lees
Alex ^r Henry	J. Fraser	Zach. Macaulay
George King	Murd. Stuart	John M ^c Cord
Lauch' Smith	Aaron Hart	P. Fargues
Jonas Clarke Minot	Edw ^d Harrison	John Renaud
Jn. Porteous	James Stanley	Abraham Ogier
	Goddard	J ^{no} Durss.
James McGill	J ^{no} Paterson	
Geo. Gregory	Isaac Todd	
Alex ^r Paterson	Alex ^r Martin	
Lawrence Ermatinger		
Rich ^d Dobie		
John Aitkin		

¹ See Proclamation of Oct. 7th, 1763, p. 163.