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in Council the 11th April 1785)¹ renders it unnecessary to add anything further on the subject at present, except to beg leave to refer your Lordship to the aforesaid Petition, and to transmit you a Copy, which will accompany this.

2^d Your Petitioners pray for some assistance in establishing the Church of England, and Scotland, in this Infant Settlement, and that a Glebe of Four Hundred Acres of Land in each Township, may be set apart for a Clergyman.

3^d They pray for some assistance towards establishing a school in each district viz^t New Johnstown,² New Oswegatchie, Cataraqui and Niagara, for the purpose of teaching English, Latin, Arithmetic and Mathematics.

4th They pray for a prohibition of Pot and pearl Ash and Lumber from the State of Vermont, to prevent a door being opened for an Illicit Trade from the United States, which wou'd be a detriment to the Province in general, to this Settlement in particular, and only beneficial to a few interested Individuals—they also pray for a Bounty to be laid on the above Articles, as well as on Hemp, in Order to stimulate their Industry, and encourage their internal Trade.

5th They pray that Government will be so generous in addition to former Bounties, to grant them a loan of three month's provisions, consisting of the article of Pork only. —to be paid by the Settlers in three Years, under such restrictions and obligations as may be thought most expedient to insure the punctual payment of the same.

6th They beg to inform your Lordship that a number of the Inhabitants who have been in the service are so unfortunate as not to have drawn any Clothing by reason of their not being in the Province at the periods when it was issued, and that others who cannot be put in this class are yet notwithstanding on account of their distress'd situation rendered objects deserving of such an indulgence.

7th They pray that some Plan may be adopted to expedite the Business of running the division lines in the respective Townships, to prevent the increase of an evil already experienced on account of that not being done.

8th They pray that a Post Road may be established from Montreal to Cataraqui with Post Officers for Letters &^{ca} at New Johnson, New Oswegatchie, and Cataraqui.

9th They Pray that a passage may be opened from the head of the Bay of Quinty through Lake Huron for the Benefit of the Indian Trade, a Channel which at the same time that it is universally acknowledged to be Superior to the Old holds out a prospect of the most flattering advantages, not

¹ This petition is given at p. 773.

² New Johnstown was the general name for the eastern portion of what was afterwards the District of Lunenburg, and still later the Eastern District. It comprised townships 1 to 5 from Point Baudet westward. In its narrower sense it was a village in the township of Edwardsburg, about three miles east of Prescott, which was for a time the capital of the Eastern District. New Oswegatchie was, in like manner, the older general name for the western portion of the District of Lunenburg comprising townships 6, 7 and 8. It was originally occupied by Jessup's Corps. Cataraqui, afterwards Kingston, while retaining its local designation as under French rule, was nevertheless used to indicate the whole settlement in its neighbourhood, comprising the seven adjoining townships to the westward.