

On the 9th of May 1708 the present Lord Amherst presented his Petition to His Majesty in Council, shewing all the Proceedings which had taken place, and particularly the Order of the 18th August 1786, which directed the Governor to appoint Commissioners, and institute an Inquiry in the Province for ascertaining the Nature of the Lands, &c. and that the Proceedings, under the said Commission, had been returned, together with a Digest or Analysis thereof, and the Report of the Law Officers in Canada; and praying that the said Law Officers in Canada might be directed to prepare a Grant of all such Parts or Portions of the Estates late belonging to the Society of Jesuits, as are particularly ascertained by the said Report; or that a Grant might be prepared of such Parts of the said Estates, and the Profits thereof, as His Majesty should think proper and best calculated to effectuate His Majesty's Bounty to the late Jesuits Lord Amherst.

This Petition was referred to a Committee; who recommended to His Majesty to make such Grant accordingly, under the special Reservation, Provision, and Declaration, that, when the clear Yearly Profits of the said Estates shall exceed £. 2,400. Sterling, Lord Amherst should account to His Majesty for the surplus Profits, after being allowed such Sums as he should have expended in settling, cultivating, and improving the said Estates, and all other Expenses which Lord Amherst should in any Manner have been put to, in and about the said Estates, which had not hitherto appeared to have yielded any Revenue or Advantage to His Majesty; and also to be allowed the Charges attending the several Orders and Commissions in Canada, and other Proceedings, to ascertain the Nature and Description of the said Estates, and also such further Expenses as might be incurred in passing, &c. &c. carrying the Grant of the said Lands into Effect; and that His Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor should prepare a Draft of such Grant to be passed under the Great Seal of the Province, under the before-mentioned special Reservation, Provision, and Declaration, respecting the surplus Profits, and containing the Reservations specified in the former Orders; and further reserving to His Majesty such other Parts and Parcels of the Lands as His Majesty's Governors had actually applied to the Erection of Hospitals, Barracks, and other public Uses; and on the 23d January 1799, this Report was approved, and Order issued to the Attorney and Solicitor General accordingly.

In return to the above-mentioned Order, His Majesty's Law Officers made their Report, with the Draft of a Grant annexed, but submitted, that the Lands to be conveyed by the said Grant, lying within the Province of *Lower Canada*, with the particular Circumstances of which, and more especially with the Tenures, and proper Description thereof, not