

proof, that the House may be pleased to declare, that said *John Young*, was not duly elected, but that the petitioner had a majority of legal votes, and is intitled to take his Seat in the House as Representative of the Lower Town of *Quebec*, and further, that the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, be ordered to attend at the Bar of the House, to amend the Return for the Lower Town of *Quebec*, by erasing the name of said *John Young*, and inserting that of the petitioner in lieu thereof.

And then, on motion of Mr. *Mure*, seconded by Mr. *Vigé*,

The House adjourned.

*Wednesday, 23d January, 1805.*

A Petition of sundry Merchants and other Inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. *McGill*, and the same was received and read.

SETTING FORTH. That the Trade between this Province and *Upper-Canada* suffered greatly last season from the wreck in the rapids below *La Chine*, of scows with flour and pork and rafts with timber and staves, which in numerous instances occasioned a total loss of the latter; and the injury to the proprietors was increased by thefts, to which such wrecks gave additional facility. That a number of Firewood Rafts, experienced a similar fate and others being prevented from passing, by reason of the embarrassed state of the Channel, the price of that essential article became thereby not only enhanced greatly beyond what had before been Customary, but serious apprehensions were entertained about a supply for the Winter. That the loss of Scows and Lumber Rafts proved injurious to the internal and external commerce and navigation of the Province, besides being ruinous to many industrious