

[ LORETTE INDIANS.]

**A**FTER making on the twenty seventh of February last the Report of the Proceedings had by your Committee upon the claim of the Christian Indians residing at Lorette, to the Fief and Seigniorship of Sylleri, it occurred to your Committee that as the Fief Saint Ignace which adjoins the Fief called St. Gabriel, had been given by the same Mr. Giffard named in the foregoing Report, to the Nuns of the *Hôtel Dieu* of Quebec, it was probable the original Title Deed of the Fief Saint Ignace would throw light upon this subject.

Your Committee availing themselves of the permission given by the House to Report from time to time, have now the honor to report that they caused to be brought before them the Title Deeds of the Fief Saint Ignace.

The first of these is a Donation bearing date the first October one thousand six hundred and forty seven, by the said Giffard to the said Nuns, of one half league of the Land Granted to the said Giffard in that year by the Company of New France, by the two Instruments of sixteenth April one thousand six hundred and forty seven and sixteenth May one thousand six hundred and forty seven (already reported to the House) which Land had previously been granted to Mr. Couillard and was possessed by him.

The second is a grant bearing date the twentieth August one thousand six hundred and fifty two, by Mr. De Lauzon to the said Nuns reciting the before mentioned Instruments and Grants, and granting to the said Nuns one half League in front upon the River Saint Charles by two Leagues in depth, bounded on the one side by the Lands granted upon the River Saint Charles to Mr. Guillaume Couillard, and on the other side by the Lands "*latterly granted to the Savages,*" in the rear by the ungranted Lands.

The third is a *Procès Verbal* of Survey of the Seigniorship of Saint Ignace, made by the said Nuns with the consent of the Father Jesuits by the widow Hébert Couillard, bearing date 4th March one thousand six hundred and sixty nine.—Copies of the Papers are subjoined.

All which is nevertheless humbly submitted.

Quebec, 2d March 1824.

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Chairman.