the object of the attention and of the favors which it is in the power of the Government to grant, (these favors being distributed in the place or places from which the whole of the County will derive the greatest advantage,) it becomes the duty of the Legislator who establishes or alters the limits of Counties, to give the greatest attention to the formation of each County in particular, so that it may contain the greatest number and the greatest possible amount of interests common to every one of its parts; and the inhabitants of St. Johns are fully convinced that in this respect, the Government are fully determined, in making a new division of the Province into Counties, with a view to the establishment of a new system of Representation therein, to render every possible justice to the different localities of the Country; and in order that it should be enabled to follow out its benevolent and fair intentions, every party considering himself wronged by the measure contemplated, should make it a duty to obtain a hearing for his claim and bring forward his reasons.

Now the inhabitants of St. Johns think they can shew that the situation assigned to their large Village or rising Town, in the new division of the Country into Counties, is in nowise that which the state of its affairs, its position and interests, as well as those of the neighboring localities, require. To prove this, we shall in the first place shew that St. Johns has no community of interests or relation in business with the greater part of the County of Chambly, with which it is now united; we shall then shew that St. Johns is connected in the most intimate and regular manner, both as regards its interests and its daily intercourse, with a considerable extent of Country, situate so as to be capable of forming with St. Johns itself one of the most important Counties of the Country, having the greatest amount of interests of the same nature. We shall then conclude by shewing the title of St. Johns to become the chief place of a County which should be thus formed, in