

water from the River *Saint Lawrence* which in the Spring, Summer and Fall is rendered turbid and impure in the extreme, from the filth and dirt that is washed into it from the City.

That to rid themselves of the expence attending this mode of obtaining water, but more particularly to procure the use of it in a pure state, the Petitioners have adopted, with pleasure, proposals which have been lately made by *John Gray* and others to supply this City with pure and wholesome water, and they are happy to observe that the works for carrying the same into effect are now in a very advanced state, but considering the great difficulties attendant on this very laudable design, and the necessity that the said *John Gray* and his Associates should be supported and encouraged by the Legislature of this Province, by receiving a suitable charter of Incorporation, with such powers as may be sufficient for the purposes of their undertaking. The Petitioners on the behalf of the said *John Gray* and his Associates most humbly pray, that an Act of the Provincial Parliament may be passed for incorporating the said *John Gray* and his Associates for the purposes aforesaid, with such powers and restrictions as the wisdom of the House may seem meet and necessary.

Montreal, 27th February, 1800.

On motion of Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Young,
ORDERED, That Mr. Attorney General have leave to bring in a Bill to erect a Bridge over the river *Jacques Cartier*.

On motion of Mr. Planté, seconded by Mr. Lees,
RESOLVED, That a Committee of seven Members whereof three shall form a *Quorum*, be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the nomination of Returning Officers, and to regulate the election of Members of the House of Assembly of this Province: And that the said Committee do meet at one of the clock to-morrow afternoon in one of the Committee Rooms of this House.

ORDERED, That Messieurs *Planté, Bedard, Grant, Berthelot, De Bonne, Cragie, and Lees* do compose the said Committee.

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. Lees, that it be an instruction to the said Committee to consider and report what qualifications are necessary to entitle persons to be elected Members of this House.

Mr. Planté moved, seconded by Mr. Grant, that the consideration of Mr. Young's motion be postponed to Tuesday next.

The House divided upon the question,

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