

porators of the waterworks in Montreal, but that down to 1820, Citadel Hill, now Dalhousie Square, was used, not only by the first company, but also by the company of which Mr. Porteous was representative.

To His Excellency Robert Shore Milnes, Esquire, Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Lower Canada, etc., etc., etc.:—

The petition of John Gray, Daniel Sutherland, Thomas Schieffelin and Stephen Sewell

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your petitioners associated themselves for the purpose of supplying the City of Montreal with pure and wholesome water from springs situated nearly on the summit of the adjacent mountain, and that they last year commenced their operations by laying pipes and conducting the water to within a quarter of a mile of said city, and applied to the Legislature last session for a charter of incorporation, which they have reason to hope will be granted them at the ensuing meeting of the Provincial Parliament. But finding that a reservoir is absolutely necessary, they humbly request Your Excellency would be pleased to grant them leave to construct the same, on the Citadel, as the most convenient place for the purpose, and as being of the greatest utility to the said City in case of fire which when sunk and covered in, will not even be perceptible, much less of any injury.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JOHN GRAY,
D. SUTHERLAND,

S. SEWELL,
THOS. SCHIEFFELIN.

MONTREAL, August 30, 1800.

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CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,

QUEBEC, Jan. 29th, 1801.

SIR,—I inclose Your Excellency a copy of the petition which was presented to me when I was last in Montreal, the original of which I left in the hands of Major-General Burton. The object of the petitioners being to obtain permission to construct a reservoir in the Citadel for the purpose of more easily supplying the Town of Montreal with water, it will remain with Your Excellency to determine whether or not it is advisable to comply with their request.