

quest being English Subjects, their Language was the English Language, and that they could only be summoned in that Language, on pain of nullity.

As I have not attended to collecting the Decisions of the Courts, I do not recollect in what cases those Decisions were rendered.

Mr. *Bourdages*, a Member of the House, gave the following information :

During several years I issued the Writs of Summons for the Circuit Courts for the County of *Richelieu*, and those Writs have always been issued in French. Last Summer they were still issued in the same Language.

Mr. *Ranvoyzé*, a Member of the House, residing in the Town of *Three-Rivers*, appeared before your Committee, and informed them : That to his knowledge the practice in the Civil Jurisdiction for the District of *Three-Rivers* has been to issue Writs of Summons to Defendants in French, with respect to persons using that Language.

Mr. *Proulx*, a Member of the House, also appeared before your Committee : and stated that to his knowledge, in the Circuit Court for the District of *Three-Rivers*, at *La Baie du Febvre*, Writs of Summons, have generally issued, up to this time, in French.

*Friday, 10th March 1826.*

PRESENT :

Messieurs *Heney*, *Berthelot*, *Lagucux*, *Vallières* and *Viger*.