

ORDERED, that the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow. And then, on motion of Mr. Bertelot, seconded by Mr. Paquet, The House adjourned.

Saturday, 15th March, 1800.

A PETITION of sundry Inhabitants of the Town of *Three Rivers*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. Lees, and the same was received and read,

SETTING FORTH—That they are collectively Proprietors of a certain Tract of Ground containing about four hundred and eighty odd acres in Superficies which was given to them by divers Persons, that the same might be cleared and become a Common, or Pasture Ground for the cattle belonging to the Town.

That as this Common is contiguous to the limits of the Town, which are very confined, it would be a convenient spot for settlements.

That they have long had, nay even before the conquest, a desire to build thereon; and many people have obtained grants of Lots for the purpose, the which were confirmed to them by the King's Governors and principal Inhabitants of the Town.

That since the conquest, several Lots have been granted by the Inhabitants in a body who authorized their Trustees to pass deeds for the same.

That for some years past people desirous of building thereon, presented Memorials to the Inhabitants who agreed to their request by signing upon the Papers so presented; and upon these precarious Titles the Applicants took possession.

That General *Frederick Haldimand* took upon himself, as Commanding Officer of *Three Rivers*, and of his sole authority, to grant several Lots on the said Common without attaching any ground rent thereto.

The Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that it may please the House to digest a plan for regulating the concerns of the said Common, as how and when they shall assemble: what powers shall be vested in the majority assembled: How they shall elect one or more Trustees: what time the Trustees shall be in office and the authority they shall have while holding it.

That