

without a term of twelve or thirteen days, and a period of six months is lost to the Plaintiff.

That from the change of Judges in this District, which happens every six months, it often becomes inevitable, that causes heard and put *en délibéré*, tho' not finally decided, must be again pleaded in the following term, to enable the Judge to decide upon the merits thereof, who was not present the preceding term.

That executions issued upon judgments obtained cannot be returnable until six months after, and in cases where oppositions occur against seizure, the creditor cannot expect that he will recover his debt until the expiration of two years from the time of the commencement of his suit or action.

That the Petitioners conceive that the establishment of four annual terms of the Court of King's Bench for civil causes within this District, and the actual residence of two Judges in the Town of *Three Rivers*, would be an efficacious remedy to these inconveniences and be productive of great advantages to His Majesty's subjects in this District—Advantages which would be the more beneficial to them was the Legislature pleased to enact, that in consideration of the local circumstances of this District, one of the Judges residing in this City shall be held to sit in the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

That the Petitioners flatter themselves that the Honorable House will coincide in opinion with them, that the District of *Three Rivers* is at present in a state to enjoy the same advantages, which the prompt and frequent administration of Justice hath procured for several years past to the Districts of *Quebec* and *Montreal*; and that to obtain so desirable an end, the interposition of the Legislature is necessary, to enact such amendments to the Judicature Act, as in its wisdom shall be deemed expedient, to remove the disadvantages arising from the two distant periods of the Civil Terms of *Three Rivers*; whereof the Government in 1720 was much more extensive, comprehending the parishes of the *Grondines*, *St. Croix*, *Berthier* and *Sorel*.

That in most respectfully submitting the allegations of their Petition to the consideration of the House, the subscribers take the liberty of praying