

Session now last past—the result of which has been, another exclusive measure for Halifax—dividing the same into three Counties, and adding two Representatives to the number heretofore elected for the whole County.

Although Your humble and loyal Petitioners considered the exclusive measure for Cape-Breton in the nature of a pledge for the future consideration of their rights, yet, when a second measure of the same nature is extended to Halifax, in which they have not been allowed to participate—they conceive that they have strong grounds to believe that they have come to a wrong conclusion, as to such pledge; and, to look upon their future prospects of success in the measure prayed as almost hopeless. Should the Royal Assent be given to the Act for the division of Halifax, and an increase of her Representation,—the time will then have passed when the community of interests among Members, which arose from the similarity of situation, existed; and if the measure prayed should, under such circumstances, receive the support of Members who have been successful in those of a similar nature, and should succeed effectually,—Your humble Petitioners will have to thank many for being actuated by principles of disinterested justice.

Although the people of this County, in whose behalf the Petition is submitted to the gracious consideration of Your Majesty, and that of your Right Honorable Board, deeply regret that they should feel themselves compelled to beg the Royal interposition, to avert the operation and effect of an Act of the Provincial Legislature,—and beg to state, as a cause of such regret, the deep consciousness that their duty to the parent and local Government, ought, at all times to be testified by a ready and cheerful submission to whatever Laws the paramount wisdom of these Governments may think proper to require their obedience,—yet, they earnestly hope that sufficient facts may be gathered from the foregoing statement, to warrant the measure they have presumed to adopt, in order to prevent the Act referred to, for dividing the County of Halifax, and increase her Representation, from going into effect. They most humbly beg leave to declare, that so far from having a wish frequently to call upon the parent Government for redress of local grievances—it is their pride to know that it is the prominent characteristic of Nova-Scotians to refrain from such courses, as tending to evince discontent; and which, consequently, are calculated to bring their loyalty into reproach,—conceiving it to be their duty on all occasions to act in accordance with what they most sincerely believe, viz:—that their political situation, above that of all others, is most to be envied.

Therefore, these facts and views Your humble and loyal Petitioners beg leave to submit to the gracious consideration of Your Majesty, and that of Your Right Honorable Body; and thereupon, humbly to ask a decision upon the question—*whether the withholding the Royal Assent to the Act for dividing the County of Halifax, and increasing her Representation, will not be more conducive to general justice, than if Your humble Petitioners are left to struggle for their rights—against the obstacles which that Act will create, should it be allowed to take effect?* And with dutiful submission to whatever may be the result of the decision upon the question submitted, Your humble and loyal Petitioners,

As in duty bound,

WILL EVER PRAY.

SIGNED—

Samuel Chesley, Justice of the Peace.
Joseph Fitz Randolph, "
Seth Leonard, "
Thomas James, "
John H. Chipman, "
James Parker, "
John Bent, "
Robert Clarke, "
William Randall,
Jonathan Woodberry,
Isaac Longley,
Samuel B. Chipman,
S. S. Thorne,
S. L. Morse,
William Spurr,
John Bath,
Nathaniel Parker,
Wm. H. Morse,
Major Chipman,
William Longley,
Edward Parker,
Abner Morse, 2d
Benniah Morse,
William Holland,
Asa Chesley,
H. Chule,
Jonas Balcom,
Wm. S. Chesley,

David Morse,
Isaac Bent,
Charles Rumsey,
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Joseph Rumsey,
Charles Bentlaw,
Michael Miller,
Asaph Pirie,
Ambrose Dodge,
Sam. McKeown,
John Marshall,
Edward P. Morse,
James D'Arcy,
George Willet,
Felix McNeil,
Ezekiel Foster,
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Thomas Spurr, Jr.
Alexander Fowler,
Alexander H. Troop,
John Quirk,
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John Church,
Enoch Dodge,
Gilbert Foster,
Calvin Gidney,
Constant C. Morse.