

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 18

PETITION TO LT. GOVERNOR FOR AN ASSEMBLY.<sup>1</sup>

To the Honourable Hector Theophilus Cramahé, Esquire, His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Quebec, in Council.

The Petition of the Subscribers his Majesty's Antient Subjects the Freeholders, Merchants, Traders, and other Inhabitants of the said Province.  
Humbly Sheweth,

That Whereas his Most Excellent Majesty by his Royal Proclamation bearing date at St. James's the Seventh day of October 1763 (out of his Paternal Care for the Security of the Liberty and propertys of those who then were, or should thereafter become Inhabitants of the four several Governments therein mentioned) Did publish and declare, that he had, in his Letters Patent, under his Great Seal of Great Britain, by which the said Governments were constituted ; been graciously pleased to give express power and Direction to his Governors, that so soon as the State and Circumstances of those Governments would admit thereof : They should with the Advice and Consent of the Members of his Councils, Summon and Call General Assemblys within the said Governments, And that he had been graciously pleased to give power to his said Governors with the consent of the said Councils and the Representatives of the People to make, constitute, and Ordain, Laws, Statutes & Ordinances for the publick peace, welfare and good Government of those Provinces and of the People and Inhabitants thereof. And Whereas his most Excellent Majesty in pursuance of his said Royal Proclamation, by his Letters Patent to his Governors has been graciously pleased to give and grant unto them full power and Authority with the Advice and Consent of his said Councils, under the Circumstances aforesaid, to call General Assemblys of the Freeholders and Planters within their respective Governments. And also Whereas your Petitioners (who have well considered the present state and Condition of this Province) do humbly conceive That a General Assembly of the People would very much Contribute to its peace, Welfare and good Government as well as to the Improvement of its Agriculture and the Extension of its Trade and Navigation ; They do therefore most humbly pray your Honor (with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council) to Summon and call a General Assembly of the Freeholders and Planters within Your Government in such Manner as you in your discretion shall judge most proper.

QUEBEC 29<sup>th</sup> November 1773.

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<sup>1</sup> Canadian Archives, Q 10, p. 26. Given also in "An Account of the Proceedings" &c., p. 11.