

MONTREAL, *B* December, 1848.

SIR,

We have the honor to communicate to you herewith the Resolutions adopted at a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of this City, duly convened and held on the 27th ulto., to take into consideration the subject of the Repeal or Modification of the Navigation Laws of the United Kingdom, in so far as they relate to Canada, and the opening of the River St. Lawrence to the Vessels of all nations; and to mention that Petitions to the Queen and the Two Houses of the Imperial Parliament, embodying the three first Resolutions, are now receiving signatures, and will be immediately placed in the hands of His Excellency the Governor General to be sent to England.

These concessions on the part of the Mother Country having, in the opinion of the Meeting, become indispensable to meet the change made in the Commercial Policy of the Empire, and to restore the financial and commercial prosperity of the Province, it is of great importance that energy and unanimity should characterize the present appeal to the Metropolitan Authorities, in order to counteract the impression, attempted to be made in England, that the subject is viewed with indifference in the Colony.

In the hope that your sentiments will coincide with those of the Meeting, we respectfully solicit, on behalf of the Committee named in the Resolutions, your earnest and immediate co-operation and support, and that of ~~the~~ ~~over~~ ~~which~~ you preside.

*Wm. J. Smith*

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

*Wm. J. Smith*  
*A. La Roche*