

that are immediately connected, with the common concerns of a city or town. Whether placed under a particular act of incorporation, or directed by virtue of a general law, the inhabitants of a city or town, invariably hold the right as above. And why are we, the common inhabitants of Kingston, deprived of this inestimable right? Because we did not oppose those laws in the passage, that have been obtained by petitions, from the magistrates, and of which we now experience the evil effects. The more I view the subject, the more I see it necessary for us, to petition, to have the magistrates laws repealed; and obtain a grant of laws to direct us in the management of the common affairs of the town, more meetly applicable, to the spirit of our constitution. On granting to the magistrates, an exclusive power, to direct and manage the common affairs of the town, I do not suppose that the representative branch, of our Provincial Legislature, were aware, that such consequences as we have experienced would arise, out of the laws granted. And once more I entreat you, as one that bears an interest in your common rights, not to delay the calling a meeting of the inhabitants of the town, to resolve on petitioning, as before stated. That which is the business of every body, I well know too often becomes the business of nobody; but if we all heedlessly neglect this important duty, we wrong ourselves, and the future inhabitants of the town.

It is well known by many of you, that the magistrates of this town, have sold and leased out, a part of the market ground; but upon

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