plies—are desirous moreover to resort thither from time
to time for the purpose of naming the Representative of
their interests in Parliament, uniting with us, in that behalf,
in a Petition that St. Johns may become the chief place of a
County which may bear its name. The Parishes of l'Aca-
die, St. Valentin, St. Luc and St. Jacques, either have
petitioned, or will petition the Legislature to that effect;
and doubtless St. Cyprien would have done the same if the
scheme of a County of Lacolle had not suggested the hope
that it might itself become the chief place of a County;
for St. Cyprien, as well as the other surrounding Parishes
is connected by interest and commerce with St. Johns.

The representations of these important Parishes, which,
together with St. Johns, appeal in the name of a popula-
tion of 13,694 souls cannot fail to be heard and regarded
by our legislators. Justice will be done, and St. Johns
will become what its geographical position, and its trade
and business capabilities require that it should be, *the chief
Town of a fair and flourishing County.*

We shall prove, by figures, that it is impossible that the
Legislature should disregard this desire and this request,
without a violation, not only of what is strictly proper, but
also of what is positively a duty.

Judging by the statement we have just made, it is evi-
dent that St. Johns is already, in fact, in all matters of bu-
siness, the centre and chief Town of the sections of coun-
try which we desire to have included in the future County
of that name: and when we shall have made a statement
of the trade and general business transacted there, it ap-
pears to us impossible that the Legislature should refuse to
sanction that law which nature and circumstances have
already made; we mean that it cannot refuse to grant it
by a legal title that *qualification of a chief Town* which, in
fact, it already enjoys. The details into which we shall
enter, will clearly prove that we have used no exaggera-
tion in speaking of the intercourse and the relations of in-