

That every person shall prove by Oath, (under the pains and penalties of perjury) his qualification to either Vote or represent, being of the age of twenty one years, And be absolute proprietor of the qualification.

That none but Males shall either Vote or represent.

That the Assembly have free liberty of debate, And the power of chusing a speaker.

That all laws relating to taxation or raising monies on the Subject, originate in the House of Assembly.

That the Assembly have the sole right to try and decide in all contested Elections.

That all affairs be carryed in the Assembly by a Majority of Votes.

That at every Meeting of the Assembly, the Speaker, And, at least one half of the representatives be necessary to form a house.—

That the Governor or Lieutenant Governor for the time being, shall be obliged to call together the representatives in assembly, once every year, between the first of January and the first of May of every year, And, at any other time the Urgency of Affairs may require.—

Endorsed : Plan for a House of Assembly drawn up by the Committee's of Quebec and Montreal, in November 1784.

In Mr. Lymburner's 24th July 1789

OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION OF NOV. 1784.¹

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AUX DEMANDES FAITES,

À NOTRE AUGUSTE SOUVERAIN;

Par l'Adresse lue dans une Assemblée tenue chez les R. R. P. P. Recolets, le 30 Novembre 1784.

Demandé au
Prologue

QUE, considerant le fardeau de la Grande-Bretagne, il nous soit accordé une Chambre d'Assemblée, pour imposer des Taxes, &c.

Répondu

Que c'est avec douleur certainement, que nous devons regarder le fardeau de notre Mere Patrie : mais hélas ! ce ne peut être qu'une douleur infructueuse : car, quel remède y pouvons-nous apporter ? Nous, dont les besoins renaissent chaque jour ; nous, qui, chaque année nous dépouillons jusqu'au dernier sol, pour payer les effets, (déjà consommés) qu'est obligée de nous fournir cette Mere Patrie ; Nous, qui malgré les sommes énormes, que la guerre a occasionné de laisser en ce pays, sommes encore en arriere avec la Métropole, d'une balance de comptes considérable. Quelles sont donc nos ressources pour appuyer des Taxes ? Sera-

¹ Canadian Archives, Q 40, p. 199. This reply to the petition of Nov. 24th, 1784, was sent, together with other papers, in a despatch from Dorchester to Sydney, dated Jan. 10th, 1789. As the certificate appended to it indicates, it was drawn up and printed in Dec., 1784.