

dians, bearing date the thirteenth day of October last past, and signed by a considerable body of landholders and others, his Majesty's new subjects, to the number of seven hundred and forty-four, in opposition to the objects of reform proposed in the Petition of 1784, already mentioned, and to the steps which have been taken in conducting it.

That your Memorialists, in attending to the interests of their constituents, and their own, have thought it their indispensable duty to take into consideration the various matters and assertions contained in the aforesaid Petition of the 13th of October, and humbly to state to your Lordship in reply thereto, that his Majesty's old and new subjects, by their Petition of 1784, praying for a House of Assembly, and the introduction of the laws of England regarding commerce, had not the most distant wish or intention to procure the abolition of the ancient laws and customs of Canada, as is asserted by their opponents; on the contrary, a continuation of the said laws and customs is expressly and particularly prayed for in the said Petition of 1784, Article IV.—as will more fully appear to your Lordship by a printed copy thereof hereunto annexed—that contrary to the conduct and assertion of their opponents, the Petitioners of 1784 proceeded candidly, publicly and impartially, in framing their Petition,  
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