

Montreal, with Water, for the use of such of the Inhabitants thereof, and others, as may be inclined to take the same, and have with a view to further their design, obtained from the Gentlemen of the Seminary of *Montreal*, the right of taking the Water of certain Springs of the purest kind, rising on their Land, (commonly called the Priest's Farm) which Springs the Petitioners have opened, and the Water therein collected, at a great expence, have conveyed, by pipes laid in trenches near a mile, and to within a quarter of a mile of the City of *Montreal*: in the hopes, that the Legislature of this Province would deem it expedient, to grant the Petitioners support and encouragement, by giving them a suitable Charter of Incorporation, to obtain which a Memorial is herewith presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable the Legislative Council, and to this House in Provincial Parliament assembled, signed by the Magistrates and principal Inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*, and without which the intentions of the Petitioners, which are certainly the most laudable, cannot be carried into effect.

Wherefore the Petitioners most humbly pray, That this House will bring in and pass a Bill, to create the Petitioners and such others, as may hereafter become Proprietors in the said Undertaking, by the purchase of any Shares, or Share therein, the whole to be divided into Forty Shares; a Body corporate and politic, in fact and in name for ever, with such powers and rights as may be necessary to carry into effect the intentions of the Petitioners, with power to employ their surplus capital in any other monied transaction or operation, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this Province.

Montreal, 8th March, 1800.

A petition of the Magistrates and principal inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*, was presented to the House by Mr. *Auldjo*; and the same was received and read—

SETTING FORTH—That nothing is more conducive and essentially necessary to the health of man than the use of pure and wholesome water, and it becomes peculiarly the interest of every individual in Society to assist as far as is in his power to obtain its general use.

That the Inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*, from its foundation to this day have been exposed to the necessity of bringing by hand all their
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