

Throne in the Year 1783, complain of the actual Legislature in a more pointed Manner than is set forth in our Petition of 1784; yet they do not now ask for any Reform in the present System of Government, but prefer a Distinction amongst His Majesty's Subjects, notwithstanding that in the aforesaid Petition of 1783 they pray, "That, whatever Form of Government it shall please His Majesty to establish in this Province, they may be admitted freely and without Distinction to participate in the precious Rights and Privileges which His Majesty's Subjects enjoy in whatever Part of the Empire they are situated." Your Lordship being fully sensible that British Subjects consider as One of their most valuable Privileges the Right of being represented in the Legislature, Your Petitioners humbly conceive, that to them it more properly belongs to remark, that to refuse them this distinguishing Privilege implies a Doubt of that Loyalty and Attachment which they have never ceased to demonstrate.

Your Memorialists yield with Reluctance to a necessary Part of their Duty, in remarking to your Lordship, with all due Respect, that in the List of their Opponents appear the Names of Judges, Counsellors, and others, in the Enjoyment of Pensions and Places of Profit, under the present System of Government, to the Amount of *Two thousand Seven hundred and Forty-five Pounds*, upon which Circumstance they forbear making any Comment. That in the said List, particularly among the Seigneurs, the Names of some appear who are not Seigneurs, and of others, who having assumed Titles to which they are found to have no Pretensions, we submit to your Lordship what Weight Persons of those Descriptions ought justly to have in the present Case.

That the Petitioners of the 13th of October last having represented themselves to His Majesty, and to your Lordship, as the great Proprietors and principal Landholders in this Province, Your Memorialists think it incumbent on them to state to your Lordship, from the best Information they can procure, an Account of all the Seigneurs in Canada (those of His Majesty and the Religious Communities excepted) with an Estimate of their Annual Value, which is hereunto annexed, and humbly submitted to your Lordship's superior Knowledge and Information.

By the aforesaid Estimate your Lordship will observe, that the Annual Revenue of the Seigneurs in the Possession of His Majesty's ancient Subjects exceeds the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds: That the Seigneuries possessed by His Majesty's new Subjects who have not joined in the Petition of the 13th of October last are computed at the Yearly Income of *Eight thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-five Pounds*, whilst the Seigneuries belonging to the Subscribers to that Address do not amount in Annual Revenue to Six thousand Pounds. From this comparative Statement, which Your Memorialists have Reason to consider as free from Error as the Nature of the Enquiry will admit of, Your Excellency may judge how far the Petitioners of the 13th of October last are entitled to that Pre-eminence which they claim; and if the Real and Personal Estates of all the other Petitioners of 1784 could be thus contrasted with those of their Opponents, the great Superiority of the former would be still more evident and striking, especially as  
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