in deference to the prejudices of a certain class of their fellow-citizens.

Your petitioners have unbounded confidence in constituted authority when properly exercised for the successful suppression of mob violence of whatever kind, but they regret that in the case just mentioned such has not been duly exercised ; and we confidently trust that the Sovereign power has observed the culpable and deliberate refusal of the Mayor of Montreal to protect Her Majesty's loyal subjects in the exercise of their unquestionable right from the violence and terrorism of mob-law, a course which has resulted in the loss of valuable life followed by the stultification of law and justice in the case of those stained with innocent blood.

Your petitioners submit to Your Excellency in Council that the discreditable course pursued by the Mayor of Montreal in the matter aforesaid, renders that public officer unworthy of confidence and unreliable for the preservation of peace and the protection of life and property on any future similar occasion, and therefore your petitioners indulge the strong hope that those entrusted with the administration of law and order in this Dominion will learn from the past the necessity and wisdom of making provision to prevent the recurrence of a similar calamity.

Your petitioners are instructed to inform Your Excellency in Council that over two hundred thousand loyal Orangemen in this Dominion look to Her Majesty's Government to take such precautionary steps as shall secure peace, protect life, and maintain order if the Orangemen of Montreal choose to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne in that city on the Twelfth day of July next, and thus save their brethren elsewhere the necessity of going to their assistance in asserting their right to the unmolested exercise of civil and religious liberty.