

effecting the same, without prejudice to the Rights of individuals, and the general Interest of the Country. In doing this the Committee are to attend to the Nature and Operation of the different Clauses in the Statute of 12 Car. 2 cap. 24, by which soccage holding was made general in England, giving Mr. Lanaudiere at the same time an opportunity to be heard on his Petition for a conversion of the Tenure of his Estates into that of Free and Common soccage, which was referred to a Committee of the Council on the 14th of February 1788. And the Committee may call on Mr. Attorney and Solicitor General for their opinion on the subject matter of the reference, if they shall conceive the same to be necessary, and take all such other means, as they may think proper, for acquiring the necessary information; and further, if the Legislative interposition shall appear to be necessary, the Committee are to report such draft of a bill, as the case may require.

Letter of the Surveyor-General and Deputy-Surveyor General, inclosing an Enumeration of Grants to the Amount of 7,985,470 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres.

“SURVEYOR GENERAL’S OFFICE, Quebec, 25th Sept. 1790.”

SIR,

“The inclosed List of Seigniories and their contents was formed in pursuance of the Right Honorable LORD DORCHESTER’S Commands signified to us by Letter from Mr. Secretary Motz of the 28th August.”

“We have had recourse to the Public Records for the purpose; and ’tis possible, tho’ we are not aware of it, that there may be a grant or two, and perhaps more, that have escaped our researches, and there may for want of accurate actual surveys be some mistake in the computation of their contents, and particularly of the Islands from their irregular figures.”

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