

*Saturday, 14th Feby. 1829.*

PRESENT : Messrs. *Bourdages, Neilson, Laterrière* and *Borgia.*

Mr. *Bourdages* in the Chair,

The Committee proceeded to hear the following Witnesses :

*Francis Armstrong. Evans*, Esq. of the Township of *Shipton*, Farmer and Land Agent, called in, and examined :

Q. 1. Have you been delegated by any portion of the Inhabitants of the Townships to express their views and wishes to the Legislature ?

A. Yes.

Q. 2. By what portion of them ?

A. The persons who signed the Petitions were about 350.

Q. 3. How long have you resided in the Townships ?

A. Fourteen years.

Q. 4. Are you a native of that part of the Country ?

A. No, I am a native of Ireland.

Q. 5. How were you appointed ?

A. I was appointed by a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants, held at *Richmond*, on the River *St. Francis*, on 29th November last.

Q. 6. How was that Meeting called ?

A. By sending previous written Notices to be put up in the most public parts from *Ascot* to *Drummondville*.

Q. 7. How many people attended at that Meeting ?

A. About fifty-three ; there were persons from various Townships present.

Q. 8. Do you conceive yourself authorized by the majority of the Inhabitants within the limits you have mentioned ?

A. I do, to submit those matters agreed upon at the Meeting.

Q. 9. Was a Representation of the Townships one of them ?

A. Yes.

Q. 10. Have you seen the printed Copy of the Bill introduced into this House providing for a more equal Representation throughout the Province ?

A. Yes.

Q. 11. Have you particularly examined that part of it which includes the Townships ?

A. Yes.

Q. 12. What is your opinion of it ; do you think it gives them a fair and equitable representation ?

A. No, I do not.

Q. 13. Have you seen a printed Bill providing for the Representation of the Townships introduced in the Legislative Council ?

A. No, I have not had it ; I have an idea of it from a sketch of the plan shewn me by the Honble. Mr. *Felton*, which agrees with what I have seen in the papers on the subject.