

ORDERED, That the Petition of the Merchants and other Inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*, be referred to the said Committee.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. *Richardson*, and the same was received and read.—

SETTING FORTH:—That the road to *Lachine*, which is the great thoroughfare to and from *Upper Canada*, was for a great number of years so extremely bad, and presented such apparent difficulties in respect to its improvement, as to induce strong doubts whether the same could be effected.

That an effort was, however, at length determined to be made for that purpose, and as a preparatory step thereto, a *Procès Verbal* was made and Homologated in conformity to the Road Act.

That in the Homologation thereof, the Justices from the peculiar circumstances of that road in order to prevent the burthen bearing too heavy upon the Inhabitants, very properly limited the *quantum* of labour that they were to furnish for the formation, and also for the annual repairs of the same.

That the said labour being (as was anticipated) greatly inadequate to the object in view a voluntary subscription of above Twelve Hundred pounds was raised, with which, in the course of two years the said road has been so much improved as to be a credit instead of a reproach to the Province.

That however from the great number of loaded carts, and other wheel carriages, which in Spring, Summer and Autumn, pass and repass over the said road, it is found that the same cannot be kept in repair by the annual labour applicable thereto, and voluntary subscription cannot be again resorted to with any prospect of success,

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