

cified in the said Grants, the said persons have taken possession of different Lots of ground in the said Common, and erected Houses and other buildings thereon, and he laid before the Committee an authentic copy of one of these grants which he afterwards withdrew; the Chairman likewise informed the Committee, that since the conquest of this Province, a majority of the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Three Rivers*, having contented in writing, that different persons should take possession of sundry lots of ground on the said Common, in consideration of certain yearly rents, stipulated to be by them paid, the said persons have taken possession of the said lots and erected houses and other buildings thereon.

The Chairman likewise informed the Committee, that the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Three Rivers*, not having the power of delegating a legal authority to any certain number of their body, for the ordering and good governing of the said Common and collecting the rents due to them in their aggregate capacity, great inconvenience arises to them therefrom.

RESOLVED unanimously, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that leave be given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill for the purposes set forth in their Petition.

On motion of Mr. *Lees*, seconded by Mr. *De Bonne*,

RESOLVED, that this House doth concur in the resolution reported by the Committee.

ORDERED, that Mr. *Lees* have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the foregoing resolution.

Mr. *Attorney-General* presented a Petition of the Rev. *Jehosaphat Mountain*, and other Inhabitants of the Town of *Three Rivers*, whose Names are thereunto annexed, and the same was brought up and read.

SETTING FORTH—That the Petitioners have been informed that several persons residing in the said Town of *Three Rivers*, have lately addressed a petition to this House, for the purpose of obtaining a Bill to authorise certain Individuals to divide and parcel the Common, belonging to the said Town of *Three Rivers*, into small Town Lots, and to grant the same to any persons who might apply for them, by which the Inhabitants will be deprived of their Rights in the said Common, which they have un-

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