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## REPORT :

**T**HE Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of River-du-Loup, and also nine other Petitions complaining of the insufficiency of the Road Laws, as respects the office of Grand Voyer, and of various abuses connected therewith :

REPORT :— That they have examined the said Petitions, which they find to be from parts of every District of the Province excepting the Districts of St. Francis and Gaspé. In respect to the District of St. Francis, your Committee have taken the examination of a Magistrate long resident in, and well acquainted with that District, whose evidence is annexed.

Your Committee regret that other duties previously imposed by Your Honorable House, have prevented them from entering into a particular examination of all the facts alledged by the Petitioners, many of them are however of public notoriety; or result from the nature of the powers with which the Grand Voyers are invested.

The complaints in the different Petitions are in substance, as followeth :—

*First.*—Petition of River-du-Loup, District of Three-Rivers.

1st. Expenses altogether beyond the means of new Settlers.

2d. Increase of the Expenses by the Act of last Session, by allowance for distance, the expenses now amounting from £10 to £15 for the smallest service in laying out or altering a Road.

3d. Ignorance of the localities on the part of the Grand Voyer occasioning Law Suits.

Pray for a local organization for managing the Roads.

*Second.*—Parish of St. Antoine, ditto.

1st. Ruinous Law Suits occasioned by the proceedings of the Grand Voyer.

2d. Delays and dilatory delays.

*Third.*