

donné dans cette affaire, *si le bonheur et la tranquillité de nos compatriotes peuvent en résulter\**.

Signed by all the Members of the  
Committees.

\* *Translation.*—We expect that there will be some opposition to our Petitions; but it will proceed only from those who pay more attention to their own private views and interest, than to those of the public. All changes in the Government or Administration, are dangerous to such persons as hold lucrative places and posts, because they are most commonly obtained by favour; it is therefore very natural that they should oppose every thing that may endanger the loss of their places or appointments. On that account we request you will pay particular attention to our situation in life, and to the professions we follow, and compare them with the situations and professions of those who may oppose our Petitions, and you will be able easily to judge of the motives which influence either party.

Having now laid our Petition before the public, and having explained all our intentions and ideas on the different clauses of it, we submit the whole to the consideration and judgment of that public for whom all the benefits and advantages of the reform demanded, are intended. We have not, nor can we have any views of interest separate from the public. In these petitions we have sought for our own happiness and that of our posterity, in the general happiness of the province. We again repeat it, that we neither ask for posts, places, or pensions from Government; our requests are general, and include every individual of the province; and we shall consider ourselves as sufficiently recompensed for the trouble we have had in this affair, if the happiness and tranquillity of our fellow subjects are thereby more perfectly secured.