

Your Majesty's Old and New Subjects, in such manner as to Your Majesty's Wisdom may seem most proper, that the Assembly be triennial, and the Members elected every three Years.¹

2^d THAT the Council consist of not less than Thirty Members and in case of Division on any measure before them, that no Act shall be passed, unless at least Twelve Members agree to carry the Vote. That the appointment of the Members, may be during their residence in the Province, and for Life; yet subject to temporary leave of Absence, as mentioned in the 11th Article; And that they serve as Councillors, without Fee or Reward.

3^d THAT the Criminal Laws of England be continued, as at present established by the Quebec Act.

4th THAT the ancient Laws and Customs of this Country, respecting landed Estates, Marriage Settlements, Inheritances and Dowers, be continued; yet subject to be altered by the Legislature of Quebec; And that Owners may alienate by Will, as provided by the 10th Section of the Quebec Bill.

5th THAT the Commercial Laws of England, be declared to be the Laws of this Province, in all Matters of Trade and Commerce, subject to be Changed by the Legislature of Quebec, as in the preceding Article.

6th THAT the Habeas Corpus Act, the 31st Charles 2^d be made part of the Constitution of this Country.

7th THAT Optional Juries be granted, on all Trials in Courts of Original Jurisdiction. That they be regularly Baloted for, and a Pannel formed as in England; either in the Case of an ordinary or a Special Jury, at the option of the Party applying for the same, And that Nine Members out of the Twelve, may in Civil Causes, be sufficient to Return Verdicts, subject to be Modified by the Legislature of Quebec, as in the 4th Article.

8th THAT the Sheriffs be elected by the House of Assembly, and approved and Commissioned by the Governor, at the Annual meeting of the Legislature. That they hold their Appointment during the period elected for, and their good Behaviour; and that they find reasonable Security, for a faithful discharge of their Duty.

9th THAT no Officer of the Civil Government, Judge or Minister of Justice, be suspended by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time; from the Honours, Duties, Salaries or Emoluments, of his Appointment; but with the advice and Consent of Your Majesty's Council, for the Affairs of the Province; which Suspension shall not Continue, after the Annual Sitting of the Council; unless it be approved by the same. The cause of Complaint if approved, to be thereafter reported to Your Majesty, for Hearing and Judgment thereon.

10th THAT no New Office be Created, by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time; but with the Advice and Consent of Your Majesty's

¹ For a more detailed plan of the proposed Assembly, drawn up by the Committees of Quebec and Montreal at the same time as this petition, see the document which follows this, p. 753.