

It may be urged that, should the prayer of this petition be granted, the result would be to throw both the inland and Atlantic carrying trade into the hands of foreigners; we would, however, humbly submit, that the interests involved in the former are of minor importance when compared with the great and general benefit that would result to the agricultural interest by conferring the boon now asked for. While your petitioners conceive that British shipping may be employed in the carrying of our produce from New York as well as from the ports of Montreal or Quebec.

In further confirmation of the importance of the prayer of this petition, we humbly submit the following calculation, as showing the small proportion received by the agriculturist of this country, of the value of his products in Great Britain; and as showing the importance to him of such a saving as that which would be effected by adopting the route via the United States; thus —

	Sterling.
£ s. d.	
Suppose the value of flour in Liverpool to be - - - -	1 5 0
Deduct the following charges:	
Duty, 7½d.; dock and town dues, 2½d. - - - -	0 0 10
Porterage receiving and delivering - - - -	0 0 2
Cartage to buyers, 1½d. - - - -	0 0 1½
Fire insurance, sheds, interest, and bank commission on duty - - - -	0 0 0½
If warehoused, additional cartages, porterage.	
Warehouse rent, fire insurance, &c. &c. - - - -	0 0 6
Commission and del credere 4% on 25s. - - - -	0 1 0
Atlantic freight - - - -	0 6 0
Insurance 20 per cent. and policy - - - -	0 0 3½
	0 8 11
Equal in currency, at 8% premium, to 19s. 3½d. on shipboard at Montreal.	£ 0 16 1

	Currency.
£ s. d.	
Brought down - - - -	0 19 3½
Shipping charges at Montreal as under:	
Cartage to store, 1d.; cooperage, 1½d. - - - -	0 0 2½
Inspection, 2d.; storage, 2d.; cartage ship, 1d. - - - -	0 0 5
Wharfage, 1d.; shipping, 2d.; insurance, 1d. - - - -	0 0 4
Freight from Kingston to Montreal - - - -	0 2 0
Insurance on river and lake, ¾% - - - -	0 0 2
Lake freight, 6d.; Burlington Canal toll, 2d. - - - -	0 0 8
Wharfage, storage, and shipping, 3d.; fire insurance, 1d. - - - -	0 0 4
	0 4 1½
	0 15 2
Interest, say an average of six months on 20s. and 6% - - - -	£ 0 0 7
Carriage from interior, say Brantford, Paris, and other places similarly situated - - - -	0 1 7
	0 2 2
Currency - - - -	0 13 0

Leaving only the small sum of 13s. currency to remunerate the farmer; equal at 8% premium to 10s. 10d. sterling per barrel.

We humbly solicit your Majesty to be graciously pleased to grant the prayer of this petition, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) JOHN YOUNG, President.

No. 4.

(No. 116.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Earl CATHCART, K.C.B. to Earl GREY.

My Lord,

Government House, Montreal, 26th August 1846.

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith a memorial from the Montreal Board of Trade to Her Majesty the Queen, relative to the Imperial enactments

(70.)

No. 4.

Governor
Earl Cathcart
to

Earl Grey,
26th August 1846.