

“Upper Canada, should be permitted to be exported without being made subject by any Act of the Province of Lower Canada, either directly or indirectly, to duties or impositions on their arrival in that province, or in passing through the waters thereof,” and also, that the “expense of improving the Navigation of the waters of the river Saint Lawrence shall in future be defrayed by such measures, and in such proportions, as the arbitrators to be appointed, under the provisions of the said Act, shall determine, upon the prayer of either province.”

Viewing, therefore, the rapid progress made towards the completion of the Erie Canal, and the danger of a great part of the produce from the western parts of this province being diverted from its natural market,—conceiving also, that the expenditure of the money levied by virtue of the aforesaid Statute of the Province of Lower Canada would materially improve the navigation of the river Saint Lawrence, and lessen the costs of transporting our more bulky productions to Quebec and Montreal,—and believing that the application of the said monies is to be regulated by Arbitrators, under certain provisions, your Petitioners respectfully intreat your Honourable House to adopt such measures for procuring the immediate expenditure of the said monies in improving our water communication with Lower Canada, as your Honourable House may think expedient:—And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray,

(Signed)

THOMAS MARKLAND, }
and Others. }

Kingston, }
28th February, 1823. }