

these Colonies with teas and East India goods, or by which a direct trade with China and the East Indies would be thrown open to individual adventurers.

In the event of the Honorable Company agreeing to carry on a trade themselves, they should be bound to import a quantity of teas and East India goods, specified and ascertained to be fully equal to the consumption, to be sold by the company's agents at public Auction at stated periods, and in such quantities as to meet the demand.

Your memorialists confidently hope, that when the honorable company are made aware of the low ebb of the present legal trade, and that under the existing system, it may soon be expected to cease altogether, they will readily enter into an arrangement which would secure to the British trader and ship owner, not only the supply of the North American Colonies, but of a great part of the United States adjoining thereto.

Should, however, such an arrangement, with the Honorable the East India Company, be found impracticable, your Lordship's memorialists beg leave to suggest the legalising the importation of teas and East India goods by sea and inland navigation, as the only alternative to protect the fair trader and to secure to these Provinces a revenue of considerable amount.

Your memorialists therefore humbly pray, that your Lordship may be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and adopt such measures therein as to your Lordship may appear meet. And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

For the Committee of trade,

(Signed.) J. STEWART,

CHAIRMAN.

Quebec, 24th April, 1823.