

“ Alexandre-Réné Chaussegros de Léry, also of the
“ same place, Esquire, have humbly represented unto
“ *Us*, by their petition in that behalf, that they are
“ seigniors and proprietors of the Fief and Seignoiry
“ of Rigaud-Vaudreuil, situate in our District of
“ Quebec, in our said Province and described, lying
“ and being, as follows, that is to say : ‘ An extent
“ of ground, three leagues in front by two leagues
“ in depth, on both sides of the River of the Chan-
“ dière Falls, with the Lakes and Islands in the said
“ River,’ and that there are supposed to exist, within
“ the limits of the said Fief and Seignoiry, certain,
“ ores, minerals, and mines containing gold and other
“ precious metals, of which supposed mines, they
“ have made the discovery, and are now desirous of
“ digging and working for their own profit and advan-
“ tage, should they obtain Our Royal Permission to
“ that effect, and further, that in obedience to the
“ conditions of the original deed of concession of the
“ said Fief and Seignoiry to sienr Pierre Rigand de
“ Vaudreuil, dated at Quebec, the twenty-third day
“ of September, one thousand seven hundred and
“ thirty-six, and signed “ Beauharnois,” and “ Hoc-
“ quart,” and confirmed at Versailles, on the thirtieth
“ day of April, then following, by His “ Most Chris-
“ tian Majesty, Louis, the fifteenth ; they did de-
“ nounce and declare to *Us* for the expression of Our
“ Royal Will and Pleasure, the existence of the said
“ mines within the limits of the said Fief and Sei-
“ gniry at several places therein, of which they will
“ better inform *Us* after further researches, under
“ Our Said Royal Permission, which they humbly