

That the present possessors of the property in question could not, under the laws of this country, dispose thereof, in any manner, without the concurrence and consent of their immediate superiors in this province, nor without observing the formalities prescribed by the law of the land in all such cases, for which provision has been made; and still less without the consent and concurrence of the Provincial Parliament, in which the people of this country, who have so just a claim on the said property, are represented by Your faithful Commons of this province :

That the opinions and feelings in which attempts may have been made to cause Your Majesty's Government to participate, for the purpose of inducing it to countenance a project of so fatal a nature, could have arisen solely from statements, in which, for want of precise information, an exact description of the actual state of things, and more especially of the nature of the said property, and of the conditions on which those in whose hands it now is, enjoy it, and the rights of the inhabitants as connected with it, was not laid before Your Majesty's Government.

Your dutiful Commons of Lower Canada therefore pray Your Majesty to take this matter into Your serious consideration; to weigh the lamentable consequences of such a state of things, and even the existence of any doubt respecting the security of the said property, and of the rights of Your faithful Canadian subjects; and to adopt measures for permanently quieting the alarm which the apprehension of the formation of a project of this nature has excited throughout the Province.

(signed) *P. J. Papineau,*
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