

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 18

conducted every thing relating to these Petitions with the greatest Harmony and Moderation

We have the Honour to be with great Respect
Gentlemen

Your most Obed^t Hbl^e Servt^s

James Johnston	Deschenaux pere
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Robert Lester	L ^s Turgeon
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	Perrault l'ainé
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ENDORSED : In Letter from Committee of Quebec Merch^{ts} of 8 Feby.
1786.

SYDNEY TO HOPE.¹

WHITEHALL 6th April 1786

Lieutenant Governor Hope.
Quebec.

Sir,

The Season of the Year not having admitted of a direct communication with Quebec since you were invested with the Office of Lieu^t Gov^r of that Province, but through Channels which were at best very precarious, I have deferr'd till this moment acknowledging the receipt of your Letters from 1 to 10.

Before I enter minutely into these several subjects contained in those Letters, I cannot omit to acquaint you, that His Majesty upon a perusal of them express'd himself well pleased with the clear and distinct manner in which the several points of business are arranged ; and I may farther add, for your satisfaction, that your sentiments upon Matters in general relating to the

¹ Canadian Archives, Q 26—1, p. 73. Indian affairs were in a very critical condition at this time, there being once more, as in the days of French and English rivalry, two powers seeking to obtain a predominant influence with the Indians. This despatch indicates the policy of the British Government at the time.