

having been hitherto sufficient for their sustenance, they will have no means of sowing their lands in the spring, and of subsisting until the next harvest.—That in the Parish of *River Ouelle*, they generally sow four thousand bushels of Wheat, one thousand bushels of Barley, five hundred bushels of Oats, five hundred bushels of Pease, and one thousand bushels of Potatoes; and that there are only about thirty inhabitants who have the means of purchasing their seed, which, altogether, will amount to about one thousand bushels of Wheat, three hundred bushels of Barley, one hundred and fifty bushels of Oats, one hundred and fifty bushels of Pease, and three hundred bushels of Potatoes.—That two-thirds of the inhabitants of *River Ouelle* having no money, on account of several succeeding bad harvests, have, nevertheless, their lands, their cattle, and could, with delay of about two years, remit either in money or product of the same quality, what the House may think proper to advance them.—That the remaining third of the said inhabitants, are totally incapable of remitting any thing, and have nothing but thankfulness to offer for what they may receive from the House.—Such is the state of the inhabitants of *River Ouelle*, faithfully represented.—They hope that the House will provide for their wants.

A Petition from divers inhabitants of the Parish of *Saint Louis*, Seigneurie of *Kamouraska*, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. *Borgia*, and the same was received and read;—SETTING FORTH:—That by the Act 54 Geo. III. cap. 8, the Legislature of the Province deemed it expedient, for the encouragement of the Fisheries in this Province, beyond and lower down than the East Bank of the River *Saguenay*, upon the North Shore of the River *Saint Lawrence*, and beyond and lower down than the East Bank of the River *Grand Mitis*, upon the South Shore of the River *Saint Lawrence*, to exempt from Duty all Salt imported into this Province, and landed beyond the aforesaid limits, for the use of the said Fisheries.—That by the said Act it is further enacted, that every person thereafter landing and exporting Salt from *Quebec* to any Port or place beyond or lower down than the aforesaid limits, for the use of the said Fisheries, shall be entitled to, and that there shall be paid him, by the Collector of the Customs, out of the Duties by him received and collected, under the Act 53 Geo. III. cap. 2, a Drawback of eight pence