

The above sum of £. 1,017,333 6s. 8d. or the greatest part, must ever remain as a British capital in Canada, for carrying on the trade, and subject to be secured to the British merchant, or lost, as the internal legislation and jurisprudence of the country is favourable to commerce or otherwise.

Most of the above estimates have been made upon the most accurate evidence the nature of things would admit. That of the circulating property in the lower part of the district of Montreal and in the fisheries, is taken upon general principles, as there was not time to receive the information before the hearing. Particular estimates, however, are preparing to be laid before Lord Dorchester: and the petitioners are convinced that all the estimates are upon too low a scale.

Such evidence as the nature of the subject will admit of, is ready to be offered in support of the truth of the estimates, and to shew that the British merchants hold such a property, and that it ought to have weight in the scale of policy and justice, with the legislature, to afford ample means of security to the petitioners, by the laws, which alone in reason and justice, can, or ought to