

Mr. *M'Cord* read in his place a Petition of the Religious Ladies of the *General Hospital of Montreal*, whose names are thereunto subscribed.

After which, Mr. *M'Cord* acquainted the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief, being informed of the purport of the said Petition, gives his consent that the House may proceed thereon as they shall think fit.

And then the said Petition was received and read ;—**SETTING FORTH** :—That their expenses, since the first of August, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, for the support and maintenance of indigent, infirm and insane persons, and foundlings, confided to their care, exceed the sum paid them by the Civil Government of this Province, by the sum of thirty-six thousand seven hundred and sixteen livres, fourteen sols, former currency.—That the Revenues of their Community have been confounded in the general expense of the Monastery, and the Petitioners, as well as the others Sisters composing the Community, are reduced to extreme necessity, insomuch that they are in want of the bread necessary to eat.—That it in truth belongs to their Institution, to supply the wants of twelve indigent invalids, and that, from inclination, they bestow their care upon the very large number contained in their Monastery, beyond the number of their foundation ; yet that it is impossible for them longer to perform that task, unless pecuniary assistance in their favour be applied.—That they repeat their offer of acting in future as heretofore, but pray that their condition be taken into consideration.—Wherefore, they pray the House to grant them an indemnification of thirty-six thousand seven hundred and sixteen livres, fourteen sols, aforesaid, for the past, and to make provision in their favour for the future, for the payment of a sum proportionate to their expenses, in such way, as in its wisdom it shall deem necessary.

On motion of Mr. *M'Cord*, seconded by Mr. *Badeaux*,

RESOLVED, That the said Petition be referred to a Committee of five Members, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons and papers.

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