

Friday, 12th February 1830.

PRESENT :—Messrs. Neilson, Viger, Laterrière and Duval.

Mr. Neilson in the Chair.

Mr. William Lampson was called in and examined.

Q. You are the present Tenant of the King's Posts on the North Shore below Quebec?

A. Yes; I had the lease from Mr. McDouall. I have a transfer of the original lease to the late Mr. Goudie who transferred to Mr. McDouall and others.

Q. Have you ever been recognised by government as the Lessee?

A. Yes; they have received the rent from me for the last two years at twelve hundred Pounds per annum.

Q. You complain of injuries done you as Lessee under the authority of the Legislature and the Government, what are they?

A. I complain;—

1^o That a light House is erected within the limits of my Lease.

2^o That the Persons employed or resorting to the place for erecting the Light-House, trade with the Indians in contravention to my exclusive privilege.

3^o That the dangers to the trade occasioned by the resort of these persons to the said place, has actually compelled me to employ an additional Person to watch them, at the rate of one hundred Pounds per annum.

Q. Have you detected any of them?

A. We missed some Furs last summer and fall, but no individual has been detected in that neighbourhood; they have a pretext to hover thereabout, being employed at the Light-House, and being there they feel themselves protected.

Q. You state in the Petition that you have suffered in your exclusive right of fishing, by the seals being driven from Cap des Monts