

it is natural enough to suppose that it would be advisable, in order to cause as little change as possible, to form a separate County of each division. But now, when it must be acknowledged that besides the subdivisions to be effected in the County, there existed an evil and inconvenience, a real suffering to be got rid of in the neighbouring County; now, when it is evident that the contemplated County of Lacolle, is by no means a source of satisfaction to some of those whom it was intended to annex thereto; now, when it is equally clear that the inhabitants of some of the localities, which it is designed to include in the new County of Laprairie, do not find it to their advantage, and have formally opposed the scheme, as, witness the Petitions from l'Acadie and St. Jacques, would reason and justice permit to be passed over without attention, the appeal of five Parishes, containing a population of 13,694 souls? and parties too, who by their Petitions to Parliament, seek while yet there is time, an order of things altogether different to that contemplated at the period of the preparation of the measure in question? No, no, we dare not for one moment conceive that so many voices would in vain be raised to that Great Body, charged as the supreme tribunal, with the duty of rendering justice to the injured portions of the population of the Country! Parliament will hear us then, and render us that justice which is our due.

And to conclude our observations with respect to the difficulties which might be raised to the plan which we suggest, and which we are desirous should be carried out, permit us to observe that, if by means of our plan the Parishes of l'Acadie and St. Jacques are detached from the County of Laprairie, to which it is proposed to annex them, we leave, as a compensation to that County, the Parish of St. Edouard and the Township of Sherrington, whose inhabitants can raise no plausible objection to be united to the County of Laprairie, with which their business has a much more intimate connection than with the contemplated County of