

has indemnified such individuals, as have suffered in their property by its being applied to public use :

The Petitioner therefore humbly prays that this petition may be referred to the Committee, to which the said Bill is referred, and that he may be permitted to state his claim to the right of ferriage over the said river, and to have recourse to its justice and equity for such indemnity as to its wisdom and liberality shall seem meet and adequate to his loss.

*Quebec, 24th March, 1800.*

On motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Cutbert,

ORDERED, that the said Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Bill " for erecting a Bridge over the River *Jacques Cartier*" is committed.

Mr. Lees from the Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Town of *Three Rivers*, reported, that the Committee had examined the matter thereof, and had directed him to report the same to the House: and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table, where it was again read throughout by the Clerk.

The said report is as follows :

The Chairman informed the Committee, that in virtue of two different Grants, one from *Charles Huault de Montmagny*, then Governor and Lieutenant General of this Province, bearing date the 15th day of August 1648, the other from the Reverend Fathers the Jesuits, bearing date the 9th day of June 1650, the Inhabitants of the Town of *Three Rivers*, are in possession of a Common containing about 468 arpents of land, and the Chairman laid before the Committee, authenticated copies of these Grants which he afterwards withdrew.

The Chairman further informed the Committee, that in consequence of Grants made to different persons, prior to the conquest of this Province, by His Majesty's arms, by a majority of the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Three Rivers*, in consideration of certain yearly rents specified