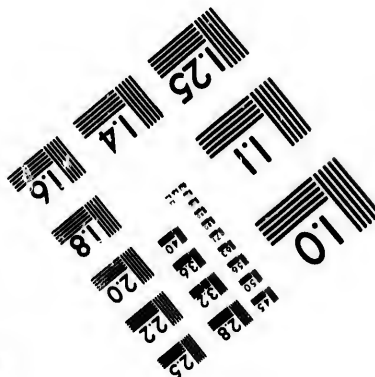
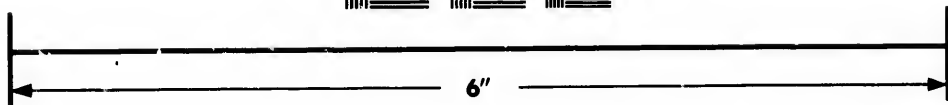
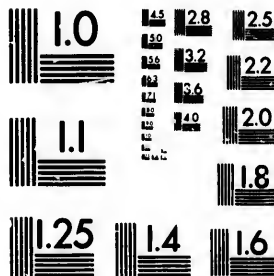


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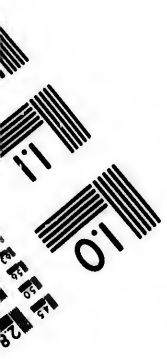


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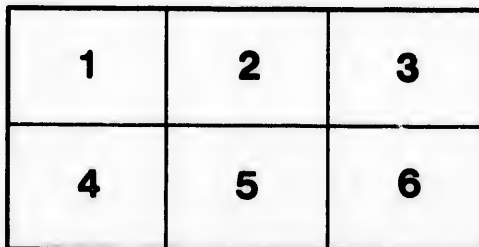
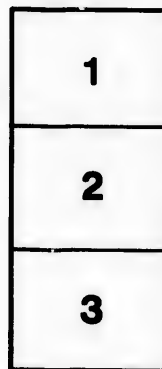
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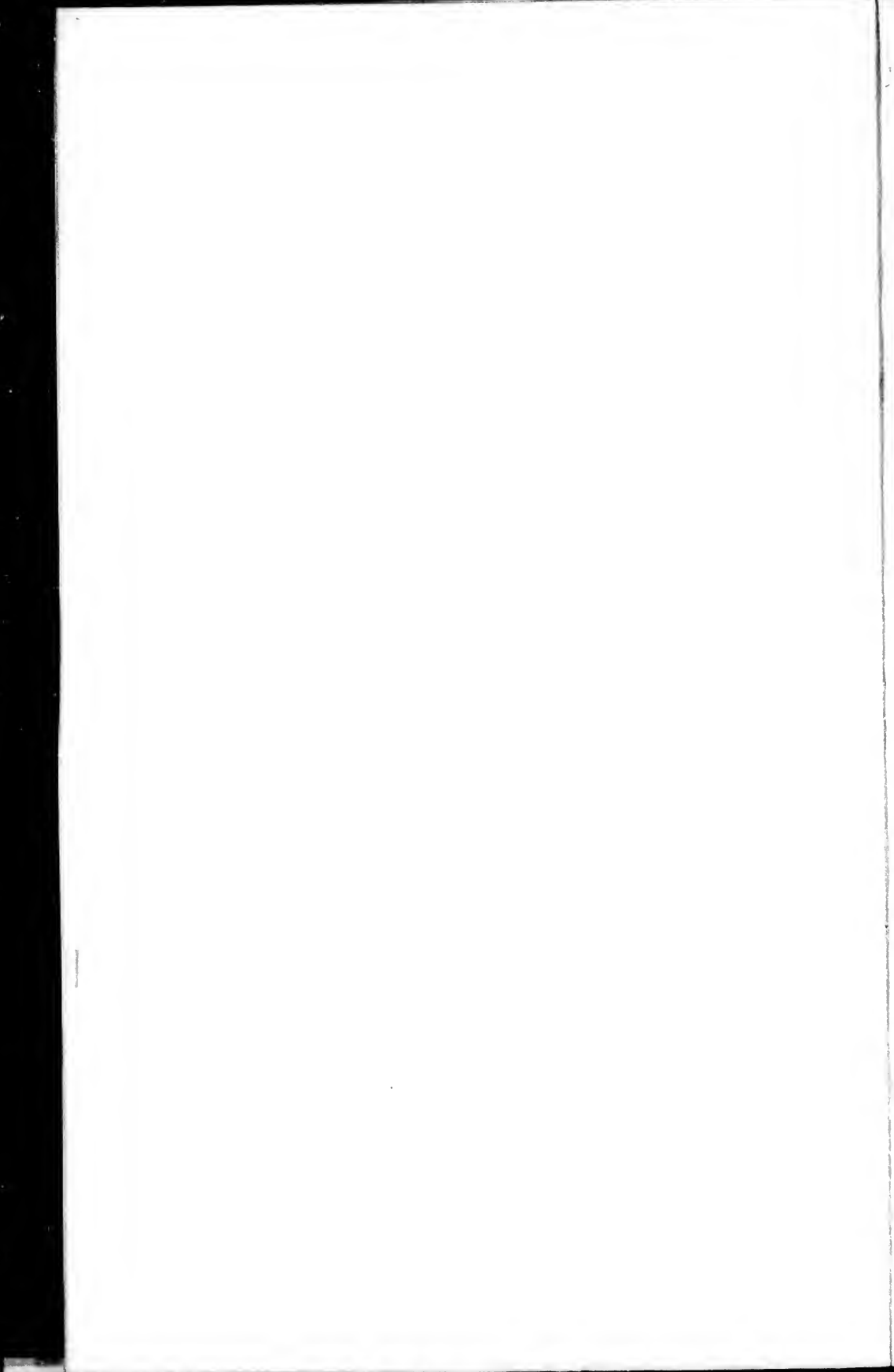
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## TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

*The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Province of Lower Canada.*

We, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects the undersigned Inhabitants of your Majesty's Province of Lower Canada, approach the throne of our beloved Sovereign with sentiments of profound reverence, and gratitude for the many benefits which we have enjoyed under the reign of your august House, of whose personal regard for the happiness of the subjects of the Crown in every part of the world, several amongst us still entertain a grateful remembrance, formed during the residence of your Majesty's illustrious father in this Province; and it is with unabated confidence that we resort to the protection of the Throne, at a time when we are threatened to be deprived of that Constitution of Government which your Royal Grandfather, of blessed memory, and his Parliament vouchsafed to grant to this Province.

Your Majesty's Petitioners most humbly represent:—

That in a Message from His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of the Re-Union of the Provinces, transmitted to both Houses of the Legislature of Upper Canada, on the 7th of December last, it is stated that "so far as the feelings of the Inhabitants of Lower Canada can be there ascertained, the measure of the Re-Union meets with approbation."

That we are not aware that any steps have been taken to ascertain the feelings of the Inhabitants of Lower Canada on the measure of the said Re-Union, unless it be a reference which is reported to have been made by the Governor General, of certain propositions to a meeting of the Special Council for the said Province, which meeting was called by Proclamation dated at Montreal, the 5th of November last, to meet at that City on the 11th of the same month, and at which, from the nature and insufficiency of the notice, the distance of the residence of several of the members being nearly 300 miles from Montreal, and the difficulty of travelling at that particular season, was attended by only about half of the members of the said Council.

That the said Special Council has no representative character, in so far as the Inhabitants of Lower Canada are concerned, but that the members thereof are appointed by the Crown, during pleasure, and have only an existence for special purposes till the 1st of November, 1840, under the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, 1st Victoria, chapter 9th, and cannot in any way be considered as expressing the feelings or wishes of the Inhabitants of this Province on the measure in question.

That in the said message, it is further stated that your Majesty's advisers had refrained during the last session of the Imperial Parliament from pressing immediate legislation for the Re-Union of the Provinces, not from any doubt as to the principle of the measure, or its necessity, but "solely from their desire to ascertain more fully the opinions of the Legislature of Upper Canada, and to collect information from which the details might be rendered more satisfactory to the people of both Provinces."

That whatever events have marked the recent history of Lower Canada, and led to the suspension of the Constitution, as stated in the said Message, similar events have occurred in Upper Canada, and the same difficulties have existed in the Legislature of both these Provinces, at the same period. The main difference has resulted from the fact, that in Upper Canada an appeal was made by the authority of the Crown, in the year 1836, to the sense of the people of Upper Canada, on the then existing differences between the Imperial Government and the Representative Assembly; while no such opportunity was allowed to the Inhabitants of Lower Canada; but the Constitution of this Province was suspended to the 1st of November, 1840, in the first session of the Imperial Parliament, held after the breaking out of a partial rebellion in the District of Montreal.

That the Act of the 31st Geo. III. Chap. 31, to make further provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, was enacted by the Parliament of Great Britain, upon Petitions submitted, at various times, from the inhabitants of this Province, of different opinions and feelings, and was passed after an Agent for certain of the petitioners was heard at the bar of the House of Commons; and it is to be inferred that all interests in the Province were fully considered by Parliament, before deciding on the important question of establishing the Constitution of the Government of a distant dependency of the Crown.

That the said Act was gladly and gratefully accepted by all the inhabitants of the said Province, who cheerfully discharged their duty to the Crown, for the defence of its Government, as established in the said Province by the said Act, when it was attacked by the United States of America in the years 1812 and 1813, so as to merit the thanks of their Gracious Sovereign; and it is only within the last seven years, notwithstanding the dissensions which are inseparable from free Government, that any complaints have been made against the said Constitution or proceedings had to obtain any alteration thereof, but on the contrary, a general desire had previously and repeatedly been expressed in humble petitions to the Sovereign and Parliament to maintain the said Constitution, and transmit it unimpaired to posterity.

That whatever may have been the difficulties which subsequently occurred in the Legislature, and the deplorable events in the District of Montreal, the whole body of Your Majesty's subjects in this Province ought not to be held responsible for them, or be exposed to loss that Constitution of Government which was solemnly granted to them by Act of the British Parliament, and be exposed to the manifold dangers and difficulties which have too frequently resulted from Constitutional changes.

That the same spirit of justice which induced the British Parliament to re-establish by the Act 14th, Geo. III. chap. 83. commonly called the *Quebec Act*, the laws of Canada, which had prevailed in the said Province from its earliest settlement, required a division thereof, that the majority of the persons who had settled in the upper part of the Province, should enjoy a system of laws with which they were acquainted, and that now that the two Provinces have grown up, under the sanction of the Imperial Parliament, with different codes of laws, and are distinct in almost every thing that contributes to harmonious action in political societies endowed with Representative Assemblies, their re-union could produce nothing but renewed dissension, confusion in the laws which regulate property, oppression and violence, the utter insecurity of person and property, and the total interruption of public prosperity.

That we have observed with profound grief the erroneous and injurious aspersions on the character of the inhabitants of this Province generally, contained in the "Report on the affairs in British North America, from the Earl of DURHAM, Her Majesty's High Commissioner, presented by Her Majesty's command, and ordered by the House of Commons to be printed on the 11th of February, 1839," and more particularly, those parts of the said Report which represent the inhabitants sprung from different national origins, as animated by the unchristian spirit of irreconcilable hatred to each other, and irretrievable enmity to Her Majesty's Government, even to the extent of a traitorous co-operation with Your Majesty's enemies in any future attempts to invade this Province. Imputations so unfounded, laid before Your Majesty and the British Parliament and nation, are utterly unaccountable to loyal subjects and honourable men in this Province, and are in no ways justified by the misfortunes which have resulted from dissensions similar to those which have prevailed in almost every country, including the Home Dominions of the Crown, and most of its colonial possessions.

That we are fully persuaded, that the experience of the past will serve as a beacon to warn all parties of past errors, and that the Representative Assembly of Lower Canada will study to promote harmony amongst the different branches of the Legislature and all classes of the people, make adequate provision for the support of Government and the Administration of Justice on the principles of the British Constitution, provide for any improvements which time and circumstances may have rendered necessary to afford a fair and equitable representation to all classes of the inhabitants, and in every part of the Province; for the application of any duties which the Imperial Parliament may think proper to impose on goods entering the St. Lawrence, to facilitate the opening of a Ship Navigation from the sea to the great lakes, and for the improvement of the Laws of the Province and the general advancement of its prosperity.

That the terms on which it has been proposed in the message before mentioned, to effect the said re-union, whereby a section of the country of only about half the population and wealth of the Province to which it is to be united, is to have one-half of the Representation, and thereby possess the power of taxing the great majority of the inhabitants without their consent, and applying the proceeds to a sectional portion of the Province, while a large debt contracted and spent for the improvement of Upper Canada, is to be imposed on the inhabitants of Lower Canada, afford sufficient evidence of the erroneous information and unconstitutional designs which have presided at the formation of the said plan, and are a sure indication of the evils which must inevitably result from the sanction thereof by the Imperial Parliament.

Your Majesty's Petitioners most humbly pray:—

That the Constitution established by the said Act, 31st Geo. III. chap. 31, be maintained, and no alteration thereof be effected without the inhabitants of this Province having had an opportunity of being heard on any Bill to be introduced into Parliament for that purpose.

And Your Majesty's Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Province of Lower Canada, January, 1840.

(The Petitions to the House of Lords and the House of Commons are similar to the Petition to the Queen, excepting the first paragraph, and the necessary alterations of style.)

STATEMENT of the Signatures to the Petitions of the Citizens of Quebec, against the Union of the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, and for the maintenance of the Constitution of 1791.

| Names of the counties in the District of Quebec. | Names of the Parishes in each County.   | Number of Signers in each Parish. | Total number of Signers in each County. | Proprietors. | Total number of Proprietors in each County. | British names in each Parish. | British names in each County. | Total number of Signatures in each Parish. | Total number of signatures in each County. | Number of certified marks in each Parish. | Number of certified marks in each County. |
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| QUEBEC,  | City of Quebec,.....                    | 2610                              | 4464                                    | 1215         | 2595  | 475                           | 738                           | 1683                                       | 2031                                       | 987                                       | 2423                                      |
|  | Beauport,.....                          | 538                               |   | 318          |   | 119                           |                               | 170  |  | 383                                       |   |
|  | Charlesbourg,.....                      | 370                               |   | 350          |   | ..                            |                               | 12   |  | 353                                       |   |
|  | St. Antoine,.....                       | 499                               |   | 369          |   | 85                            |                               | 97   |  | 492                                       |   |
|  | Ancienne Lorette,.....                  | 292                               |   | 277          |   | ..                            |                               | 55   |  | 237                                       |   |
|  | St. Foy,.....                           | 100                               |   | 50           |   | 60                            |                               | 41   |  | 56  |   |
| RIMOUSKI,  | St. Luc,.....                           | 191                               | 3374                                    | 128          | 2060  | 1                             | 29                            | 26   | 529  | 163                                       | 2845                                      |
|  | St. Germain,.....                       | 879                               |   | 469          |   | 18                            |                               | 97   |  | 782                                       |   |
|  | St. Fabien, }<br>St. Simon, }           | 330                               |   | 500          |   | 3                             |                               | 178  |  | 652                                       |   |
|  | Trois-Pistoles, }<br>L'Isle Verte,..... | 480                               |   | 292          |   | 6                             |                               | 145  |  | 337                                       |   |
| KAMOURASKA,                                      | Kakoumi,.....                           | 651                               | 4283                                    | 400          | 2332  | 1                             | 21                            | 69   | 680  | 582                                       | 3608                                      |
|  | Rivière du Loup,.....                   | 340                               |   | 190          |   | 16                            |                               | 16   |  | 324                                       |   |
|  | St. André,.....                         | 748                               |   | 470          |   | 3                             |                               | 107  |  | 611                                       |   |
|  | St. Louis du Kamouraska,.....           | 1052                              |   | 450          |   | 12                            |                               | 163  |  | 889                                       |   |
| L'ISLET,   | St. Paschal de do,.....                 | 639                               | 3609                                    | 385          | 1938  | 1                             | 16                            | 75   | 665  | 564                                       | 2914                                      |
|  | Rivière Ouelle,.....                    | 847                               |   | 480          |   | 1                             |                               | 198  |  | 649                                       |   |
|  | St. Anne,.....                          | 1002                              |   | 597          |   | 4                             |                               | 137  |  | 865                                       |   |
|  | St. Roch,.....                          | 717                               |   | 345          |   | 1                             |                               | 65   |  | 652                                       |   |
|  | St. Jean,.....                          | 933                               |   | 483          |   | 3                             |                               | 123  |  | 810                                       |   |
|  | L'Islet,.....                           | 479                               |   | 290          |   | 5                             |                               | 118  |  | 361                                       |   |
| BELLECHASSE,                                     | Cap St. Ignace, }<br>Isle aux Grues, }  | 227                               | 3548                                    | 117          | 2410  | 1                             | 52                            | 72   | 855  | 155                                       | 2693                                      |
|  | St. Thomas,.....                        | 919                               |   | 579          |   | 6                             |                               | 218  |  | 701                                       |   |
|  | St. Pierre, Rivière du Sud,.....        | 334                               |   | 174          |   | ..                            |                               | 69   |  | 265                                       |   |
|  | St. François, Rivière du Sud,.....      | 267                               |   | 145          |   | 5                             |                               | 91   |  | 176                                       |   |
|  | Berthier,.....                          | 274                               |   | 174          |   | 11                            |                               | 93   |  | 181                                       |   |
|  | St. Vallier,.....                       | 429                               |   | 229          |   | ..                            |                               | 115  |  | 314                                       |   |
|  | St. Michel,.....                        | 588                               |   | 313          |   | 1                             |                               | 151  |  | 431                                       |   |
|  | St. Charles,.....                       | 455                               |   | 256          |   | ..                            |                               | 63   |  | 420                                       |   |
|  | St. Gervais, }<br>St. Lazarre, }        | 1126                              |   | 981          |   | 6                             |                               | 245  |  | 891                                       |   |
|  | St. Station,.....                       | 29                                |   | 22           |   | 29                            |                               | 22   |  | 7   |   |
| Beaumont,.....                                   | 850                                     | 250                               | ..                                      | 70           | 280   |                               |                               |  |  |   |   |
| DORCHESTER,                                      | Poite LeV,.....                         | 782                               | 2770                                    | 476          | 1814  | 15                            | 50                            | 169  | 542  | 613                                       | 2228                                      |
|  | St. Jean, Christosomo,.....             | 195                               |   | 170          |   | 12                            |                               | 79   |  | 125                                       |   |
|  | St. Nicolas,.....                       | 470                               |   | 250          |   | 7                             |                               | 87   |  | 383                                       |   |
|  | St. Henry,.....                         | 499                               |   | 301          |   | 2                             |                               | 115  |  | 384                                       |   |
|  | St. Anselm,.....                        | 614                               |   | 415          |   | 14                            |                               | 59   |  | 564                                       |   |
|  | St. Isidore,.....                       | 210                               |   | 172          |   | ..                            |                               | 51   |  | 159                                       |   |
| BEAUCE,  | St. Clair, }<br>St. Marguerite, }       | 550                               | 2643                                    | 320          | 1869  | 1                             | 508                           | 93   | 673  | 437                                       | 1970                                      |
|  | St. Marie, }<br>St. François, }         | 731                               |   | 618          |   | 13                            |                               | 91   |  | 660                                       |   |
|  | St. George, }<br>St. Joseph, }          | 682                               |   | 333          |   | 21                            |                               | 49   |  | 533                                       |   |
|  | St. Joseph, }<br>Frampton, }            | 291                               |   | 220          |   | 4                             |                               | 49   |  | 242                                       |   |
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|  | St. Sylvestre, }<br>St. Giles, }        | 324                               |   | 306          |   | 183                           |                               | 54   |  | 170                                       |   |
| LOTBINIER,                                       | St. Antoine,.....                       | 525                               | 1886                                    | 379          | 1383  | 5                             | 205                           | 213  | 694  | 312                                       | 1102                                      |
|  | St. Charles,.....                       | 311                               |   | 260          |   | 10                            |                               | 201  |  | 146                                       |   |
|  | St. Charles,.....                       | 467                               |   | 272          |   | 5                             |                               | 83   |  | 584                                       |   |
|  | Lotbinière,.....                        | 229                               |   | 166          |   | ..                            |                               | 43   |  | 189                                       |   |
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| PORT-NEUF,                                       | Grandines,.....                         | 101                               | 2002                                    | 53           | 1408  | ..                            | 212                           | 25   | 536  | 76  | 1466                                      |
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|  | Cap Santé,.....                         | 688                               |   | 447          |   | 127                           |                               | 200  |  | 488                                       |   |
|  | Echemuls,.....                          | 129                               |   | 59           |   | ..                            |                               | 25   |  | 98  |   |
|  | Pointe-aux-Trembles,.....               | 388                               |   | 318          |   | 2                             |                               | 103  |  | 285                                       |   |
|  | St. Augustin, }<br>St. Catherine, }     | 477                               |   | 377          |   | 83                            |                               | 86   |  | 391                                       |   |
| MONTMORENCY,                                     | Ange Gardien,.....                      | 302                               | 1284                                    | 150          | 783   | ..                            | 4                             | 58   | 229  | 214                                       | 1055                                      |
|  | Chateau Richer,.....                    | 300                               |   | 142          |   | 4                             |                               | 78   |  | 242                                       |   |
|  | St. Anne,.....                          | 400                               |   | 351          |   | ..                            |                               | 48   |  | 352                                       |   |
|  | St. Fereole, }<br>St. Joachim, }        | 282                               |   | 140          |   | ..                            |                               | 45   |  | 237                                       |   |
|  | St. Joachim,.....                       | 282                               |   | 140          |   | ..                            |                               | 45   |  | 237                                       |   |
| ORLEANS,   | St. Laurent,.....                       | 175                               | 944                                     | 106          | 606   | ..                            | 2                             | 51   | 256  | 121                                       | 688                                       |
|  | St. Jean,.....                          | 291                               |   | 97           |   | 2                             |                               | 98   |  | 193                                       |   |
|  | St. François,.....                      | 99                                |   | 50           |   | ..                            |                               | 19   |  | 89  |   |
|  | St. Pierre,.....                        | 201                               |   | 107          |   | ..                            |                               | 25   |  | 176                                       |   |
|  | St. Famille,.....                       | 178                               |   | 140          |   | ..                            |                               | 60   |  | 118                                       |   |
| SAGUENAY,  | Bale St. Paul,.....                     | 407                               | 1889                                    | 314          | 1084  | 1                             | 8                             | 80   | 872  | 327                                       | 1517                                      |
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|  | Eblonements,.....                       | 222                               |   | 167          |   | ..                            |                               | 6  |  | 216                                       |   |
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| ST. MAURICE, . . . . .                                 | Town of Three Rivers, . . . . .       | 539                               |   | 227          |   | 12                            |                               | 159  |  | 350                                       |   |
|  | Yamaché, . . . . .                    | 845                               |   | 535          |   | ..                            |                               | 177  |  | 668                                       |   |
|  | Rivière du Loup, . . . . .            | 739                               |   | 405          |   | 1                             |                               | 171  |  | 568                                       |   |
|  | St. Léon, . . . . .                   | 332                               |   | 151          |   | 6                             |                               | 102  |  | 230                                       |   |
|  |                                       | 2455                              |   | 1318         |   | 19                            |                               | 609  |  | 1846                                      |   |
| CHAMPLAIN, . . . . .                                   | St. Antoine, . . . . .                | 701                               |   | 370          |   | 13                            |                               | 111  |  | 560                                       |   |
|  | St. Siméon, . . . . .                 | 271                               |   | 267          |   | 1                             |                               | 43   |  | 229                                       |   |
|  | St. Gervaise, . . . . .               | 310                               |   | 255          |   | ..                            |                               | 26   |  | 284                                       |   |
|  | St. François, . . . . .               | 78                                |   | 40           |   | ..                            |                               | 33   |  | 43  |   |
|  | Champlain, . . . . .                  | 259                               |   | 135          |   | ..                            |                               | 68   |  | 191                                       |   |
|  | La Capelle, . . . . .                 | 106                               |   | 85           |   | ..                            |                               | 5  |  | 101                                       |   |
|  |                                       | 1725                              |   | 1152         |   | 14                            |                               | 318  |  | 1407                                      |   |
| YAMASKA, . . . . .                                     | St. François, . . . . .               | 400                               | 400                                     | 280          | 280   | 6                             | 6                             | 66   | 66   | 334                                       | 334                                       |
|  |                                       |                                   |   | ..           | ..  | ..                            | ..                            | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..  |
| NICOLET, . . . . .                                     | Nicolet, . . . . .                    | 242                               |   | 100          |   | 6                             |                               | 76   |  | 166                                       |   |
|  | St. Grégoire, . . . . .               | 199                               |   | 139          |   | ..                            |                               | 67   |  | 132                                       |   |
|  | Régnier, . . . . .                    | 616                               |   | 418          |   | 6                             |                               | 76   |  | 540                                       |   |
|  | Gentilly, . . . . .                   | 322                               |   | 282          |   | 8                             |                               | 105  |  | 214                                       |   |
|  | St. Pierre, . . . . .                 | 378                               |   | 267          |   | 3                             |                               | 81   |  | 297                                       |   |
|  |                                       | 1757                              |   | 1236         |   | 23                            |                               | 408  |  | 1349                                      |   |
|  | Total, . . . . .                      | 6337                              |   | 3986         |   | 62                            |                               | 1401                                       |  | 4936                                      |   |

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Signatures to the Petition of the Inhabitants of Quebec in 1828, with those to the Petition of 1840.**

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|                                      | 1828. | 1840. |
| County of Quebec, . . . . .          | 5750  | 4454  |
| " Rimouski, . . . . .                | 1125  | 3374  |
| " Kamouraska, . . . . .              | 3923  | 4228  |
| " L'Islet, . . . . .                 | 2357  | 3689  |
| " Bellechasse, . . . . .             | 2842  | 3548  |
| " Dorchester, . . . . .              | 2133  | 2770  |
| " Beauce, . . . . .                  | 1591  | 2648  |
| " Lotbinière, . . . . .              | 1532  | 1886  |
| " Portneuf, . . . . .                | 1316  | 2002  |
| " Montmorency, . . . . .             | 700   | 1294  |
| " Orleans, . . . . .                 | 1018  | 914   |
| " Saguenay, . . . . .                | 1739  | 1889  |
| Total, . . . . .                     | 25462 | 32691 |
| Signers from Three Rivers, . . . . . | 6337  | 39028 |
| Total number of names, . . . . .     | 39028 |       |
| " of Proprietors, . . . . .          | 24254 |       |
| " of British names, . . . . .        | 1907  |       |
| " of signatures, . . . . .           | 9463  |       |
| " of certified marks, . . . . .      | 29566 |       |



AT a MEETING of the COMMITTEE of PETITIONERS against the RE-UNION of the Provinces of UPPER and LOWER CANADA, and for the restoration of the Constitution of this Province, as established by the Act of the British Parliament, 31st Geo. III. cap. 31, held at the house of the Honble. R. E. CARON, Esquire, in the City of Quebec, the 14th April, 1840.

PRESENT:

THE HONBLE. J. NEILSON, *in the Chair.*

Honorable R. E. CARON,  
Messrs. J. W. WOOLSEY,  
L. Fiset,  
WM. MARSDEN,  
C. DEGUISE,  
P. HUOT,  
F. X. METHOT,  
P. PELLETIER,  
ED. GLACKEMAYER,  
F. X. PARADIS,

Messrs. V. TETU,  
J. CHOUINARD,  
JOS. LEMARE, Pêre,  
M. BOUÉ,  
T. BAILLAIRGE,  
H. S. HUOT,  
O. LEFÈVE,  
F. X. METHOT,  
JOS. G. FOURANGEAU.

*Resolved*, 1.—That the Chairman transmit by a special Messenger, the Petitions of the Districts of Quebec and Three Rivers, to Her Majesty, to be delivered to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

2.—That he do also, transmit the Petitions to the House of Lords and the House of Commons, to Members of those Houses respectively, to be presented.

3.—That the said Messenger be furnished with the Letter of T. W. C. MURDOCH, Esquire, Chief Secretary to His Excellency the Governor General, acknowledging the receipt of a certified Copy of the Petition to Her Majesty, presented to His Excellency on the part of this Committee.

3.—That the said Messenger be furnished with printed Copies of said Petitions, with a statement of the signatures and certified marks of the Petitioners in the different localities, distinguishing, in so far as is practicable, names of Proprietors and non-proprietors—and those of English and French origin: That he be also, furnished with Copies of the Journals of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Lower Canada from 1834 to 1837, both inclusive—the Journals of the Special Council of Lower Canada, and the Ordinances passed therein—the Journals of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Upper Canada, during the Session of 1837, 1838, 1839 and 1840—Copies of such other documents as may be deemed necessary for the information of the Members of the Lords and Commons, charged with said Petitions; and more particularly the Reports of the Committee of the House of Commons on the Civil Government of Lower Canada, in 1828, and 1834,—the Reports of the Royal Commissioners of 1836—the Report of the Earl of DURHAM, and other papers laid before Parliament, relating to Canada.

4.—That The Chairman be requested to accompany the Petitions and Documents with Letters to the Members of Parliament to be intrusted with the presenting of the said Petitions.

5.—That the said Messenger be authorised to wait upon the Montreal Committee, and take charge of such of the Petitions of that District as may then be in readiness, with such Papers and Documents as may be intrusted to him by the said Committee.

Certified,

*Secretary.*

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