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L.H. LaFontaine J. Leslie to Honble.

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My dear Sir.

I have learned from Mr Desrivières that objections will be raised against proceeding with the petitions on the ground that they are not conformable to the late Election laws which will be contended are still in force as the two last mesetings of the Provincial of Lower Canada cannot be deemed sessions as no acts were passed in either of them. I here will however be ne difficulty in showing from public documents that they are considered as sessions by the three Branches of the Legislature, I shall commence with the first the Governor who in his speech on 4th.October 1836 on proroguing the Parliament says " There being no longer any prospects of a good result from the message which by the commands of our most Gracious Sovereing I communicated a few days ago to the House of Assembly. I hasten to put an and to this session. " In his speech on opening the Parliament on the 18 August 1837 commences " In obedience to the Royal Commands signified time through the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies. I have convened you at this unusual period for the purpose of communicating to you the proceedings that since your last " session " & ". In the eleventh paragraph of the same speech he says " Since the end of this last session several loca; Acts have expired & I would suggest for your consideration the expediency of renewing such of them as may have proved useful. I would more over- especially invite your attention to the Acts Archives de la Ville de Montréal relating

HISTORIGUE SOCIÉTÉ ! DE MO relating to the Districts of Saint Francis the duration of which is limited to the end od the session of the Provincial Parliament next after the first of May last " so much for the opions of the highest Branch may follow the Lagislature Council who in the first entry in their Journals on 22d. sept. 1836 state it to be the Third Session of the 15th. Provincial Parliament & in the first Entry in their Journals on 18 August 1837 state it to be the Fourth Session of the 15 Provin. Parliament The House of Asssembly count the sesions the same as the Legislative Council but only stated in the preface of their Journals which are kept in that respect different from those of the Council should however your House decide in opposition to the above opinions of the former Parliement of Lower Canada yet the Exception of the petition was in order & the objection should have been there stated as time would then have been afforded to comply with what the house might deem necessary. If this objection is also overruled sufficient time pught at all events to be given to proceed in the way the House may direct, should however all these objections fail in obtaining a hearing on the merits of the Petition you can still move for a Committee to enquire into the truth of the allegations contained in the latter clause of the petition from the Electors of the County of Montral . I send you some mode evidence in case you are permitted to proceed with the investigation

Yours very truly (Signed) J. Leslie.

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