

# Gavray-Village grievance book

## Meeting minutes

*(The authentic report could not be found)*

Date of the meeting: March 1 - Number of fires: 119 - Deputies: Jean-Michel GUIDON, plowman (4 days, 12 l. and 19 days, 74 l., Acc.); Jacques-François DANIEL, plowman (3 days, 9 l., Acc.).

## List of demands

*(Ms. Registry of the Court of First Instance of Coutances, exhibit No. 449. Original signed. Unpublished.)*

### Remonstrances, complaints and grievances

Notebook of remonstrances, complaints and grievances (of the region's inhabitants) making up the commune of the village and parish of Gavray, to be by the sirs H. Jean-Michel GUIDON and Jacques-François DANIEL, deputies, brought in preliminary assembly of the bailiwick of Coutances on the 2nd of this month.

The wishes of the commune are the glory of the King and the prosperity of the state. Under the good pleasure of the King, the commune

(requests): 1): That the first two orders pay taxes equally with the third estate, so that it has no financial exemptions, and without this being able to harm the honors and respect due to ecclesiastics and nobles; 2): Let us simplify taxes, reduce them to just one if possible; that we

calculate the annual charges of the state, including the national debt, and that we tax everything on the funds, on commerce and industry, and on the goods which enter and leave the kingdom, and in the proportion of each taxable object; 3): That we eliminate the general farms, the salt tax, the management, the aid, the controls, the general receivers of the sizes; 4): That we charge the

municipality with the collection of tax funds, that the municipalities send them to the provincial intermediate assemblies, and this to

the Royal Treasury by courier, without other costs than that of transport; 5): Let all special courts be abolished; 6°: Let district jurisdictions be established, so that citizens are no longer obliged to seek justice far away; 7): Let us return to the province of Normandy its ancient States; 8): That

the intermediate provincial assemblies are composed of

deputies to the States of the province;

9): That the third estate is at least equal to the first two orders, both to the States and to the intermediate assemblies;

10): That the

construction of parish churches and presbyteries be handed over to the responsibility of the decimators; 11) As for what particularly

concerns the commune, it begs His Majesty to order the re-establishment of the main roads, from Saint-Lô to Granville, and from Coutances to Villedieu, and to Avranches, with the construction of a half-road for Bricqueville-les-Salines. These objects increasing the value of the funds, by providing the facility of fertilizers, and of transporting foodstuffs, more than two hundred parishes will benefit from this advantage, and from such fertilizer they will make fertile lands;

**12): May his majesty take into account that the parish of Gavray-village contains only three hundred and forty acres of cultivated land, the surplus being in forests and moors, that this parish pays in seigniorial and state rents annually a sum of three one hundred pounds; Let all the taxes combined amount to three thousand nine hundred and fifty pounds two sols, an exorbitant sum.**

**Furthermore, the commune, always faithful to its King, relies on his wisdom and his goodness. Duplicate and signed by the residents present and the president assembled, one to be deposited at the registry of this municipality, and the other given to the gentlemen deputies to be brought on them of this month to the bailiwick of Coutances. This March 1, 1789, after reading, the presents making strong for the absent and not contradicting.**

Signed: LEPAGE, HARDOUIN, G. DURVILLE, L. FEUILLET, Jean PARIS, BLOUET, F. DOUILLET, FG GOSSE, Jean LEROYER, M. CANPAIN, Pierre GENDRIN, G. GAUTIER, G. LEBRETON, J. GENDRIN, Charles BERTRAND, Pierre LEPENTEUX, Jean PARIS, Louis LANGLOIS, Athanase BRIENS, GUIDON, B. LEGENTIL, G. LANGLOIS, G. DAIROU, Jean LELOUP, Julien POTREL, J. LAMY, Pierre-Jean GUIDON, ROBINET, JM GUIDON, Jean-Louis ROUELLE, JF DANIEL.