

nion, that the situation and circumstances of the province did admit the calling an assembly, and make the doing so not only practicable, but in a high degree expedient; they held meetings together to confer about preparing petitions both to his majesty's servants in the province, and to his majesty himself, in order to obtain one. And on this occasion they invited his majesty's new subjects, the Canadian, or French, inhabitants of the province, to join with them in their consultations upon this subject. The account they have transmitted of these consultations is as follows.

‘ **A**T a meeting of the British inhabitants
 ‘ of the province of Quebec, at the
 ‘ house of Miles Prenties, innholder, in the
 ‘ upper town, Quebec, October 30, 1773,
 ‘ being Saturday :

‘ Mr. John M'Cord, on holding up hands,
 ‘ was chosen president.

‘ The first question, Whether it is not expedient to petition for a House of Assembly.

‘ Answer, Yeas 38, to 3 Nays.

‘ Resolved, That a committee of eleven be appointed, and that seven of the said number may be esteemed a full committee (in case any of the gentlemen named should be sick or out of town) to draw up a petition, and lay it before another general meeting.

‘ And