

mency.—But, although so little was done for their relief, the king's servants were not inattentive to the state of *Quebec*, or deaf to the cries of the *Canadians*; for so soon as the report of the attorney and solicitor general was received, the board of trade was directed to prepare an instruction to the governor, requiring him to pass an ordinance for the better regulation of law proceedings, which that board, with great care and pains, prepared accordingly. But the Lords of the Council, not thinking themselves sufficiently informed of the laws and customs of *Canada*, which, by this instruction, were to be adopted; the instruction was laid aside for the present; and the earl of *Shelburne*, then secretary of state in the southern department, sent Mr. *Morgan*, one of his under secretaries, to *Quebec*, to collect the laws and customs which had prevailed or been of force in *Canada* under the *French* government; a trust which that gentleman executed with great fidelity and