

It is not our intention to enumerate the grievances which this unfortunate Province has laboured under for upwards of twenty years ; neither shall we attempt to draw any argument in support of its claims, from the meekness and forbearance with which it has endured them ; but shall solely rely on that principle of reason and justice, recognized by our Constitution, which entitles *every dependent part of the British Empire to as large a portion of happiness, and to as ample security for its enjoyment, as the circumstances and situation of such part will permit.* Protesting against every conclusion drawn from practice, however general, which breaks in upon this fundamental right, we shall rest upon it in full confidence that bad precedents will not be allowed to operate as sound principles, or mistaken or merely temporary policy to be drawn out and applied as approved and established system.