

the district of Quebec, previous to making observations upon the proceedings held subsequent to the 23d of June, in order to remove the prejudices which that narrative, so unseasonably made, may have excited in the minds of the public, and the better to enable Lord Dorchester, or others, to whom it may be submitted, to form an adequate opinion of the nature and motives of this investigation, think it incumbent on them to state, as concisely as possible, the events that have taken place in the province since the conquest of it, at least as far as they relate to the laws and administration of justice in it.

Though Canada was conquered by his Majesty's arms in the fall 1760, Administration in England did not interfere with the interior government of it till the year 1763. It remained during that period divided as formerly into three districts, under the separate command of military officers, who established in their respective districts military courts, under different forms indeed, but in which, according to the policy observed in wise nations towards a conquered people, the laws and usage of Canada were observed as the rule of decision.

His Majesty, with a view to encourage settlers from Europe and America to resort to  
Canada,