

*“ Province of Quebec, in Council,*

*“ 23d April, 1778.*

“ The Chief-Justice moved, That whereas by  
“ an act of parliament for the making more ef-  
“ fectual provision for the government of this  
“ province, passed in the 14th year of his present  
“ Majesty, it is enacted, that it should be lawful  
“ for his Majesty, his heirs and successors, in  
“ manner therein expressed, to constitute and ap-  
“ point a Council for the affairs of the province  
“ of Quebec, to consist of persons resident there,  
“ not exceeding twenty-three, or less than seven-  
“ teen. That his Excellency the Governor was  
“ pleased, by an order of the 8th of August,  
“ 1776, to appoint a council, (calling the same  
“ a Privy-Council) to consist of only five parti-  
“ cular persons in the said order named, and of  
“ such others as the Lieutenant Governor should  
“ think proper to send for.

“ That by virtue of the said order, the five per-  
“ sons in the said order named, repeatedly, in  
“ different affairs of different natures, have taken  
“ upon themselves to act as a Council for the af-  
“ fairs of the province of Quebec, in opposition  
“ to the said act of parliament, and in exclusion  
“ of his Majesty’s Council for the affairs of the  
“ province of Quebec, legally constituted and ap-  
“ pointed according to the said act.

“ That