

That His Majesty moreover agrees that the French inhabitants or others, who have been subjects of the Most Christian King, may retire in full safety and freedom wherever they please, even to New Orleans, or any part of Louisiana, although it should happen that the Spaniards take possession of it in the name of His Catholic Majesty, and they may sell their estates, provided it be to the subjects of His Majesty, and transport their effects as well as their persons, without restraint upon their emigration, under any pretence whatever, except in consequence of debts or of criminal processes.

That those who choose to retain their lands and become subjects of His Majesty, shall enjoy the same rights and privileges, the same security for the persons and effects, and the liberty of trade, as the old subjects of the King.

That they are commanded by these presents to take the oath of fidelity and obedience to His Majesty in presence of Sieur Sterling, Captain of the Highland Regiment, the bearer thereof, and furnished with our full powers for this purpose.

That we recommend forcibly to the inhabitants to conduct themselves like good and faithful subjects, avoiding, by a wise and prudent demeanor, all causes of complaint against them.

That they act in concert with His Majesty's officers, so that his troops may take possession of all the forts, and order be kept in the country. By this means alone they will spare His Majesty the necessity of recurring to force of arms, and will find themselves saved from the scourge of a bloody war, and of all the evils which a march of an army into their country would draw after it.

We direct that these presents be read, published, and posted up in the usual places.

Done and given at head-quarters, New York, signed with our hands, sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by Our Secretary, this 30th December, 1764.

THOMAS GAGE.

By His Excellency :
G. MASTURIN.

COMMISSIONS.

7TH APRIL, 1766.

GUY CARLETON, ESQUIRE.—*Lieutenant-Governor of the "Province of Quebec in America."*

25TH SEPTEMBER, 1766.

In Lieut.-Governor Carleton's appointment of Francis Maseres as Attorney-General, the attesting clause of the commission reads—

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Guy Carleton, Esquire, Our Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Province of Quebec, and the *territories depending thereon in America*, at Our Castle of St. Lewis, in Our City of Quebec, the twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six, and in the sixth year of our reign.

GUY CARLETON.

12TH APRIL, 1768.

SIR GUY CARLETON—*Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Quebec.*

Our Province of Quebec, in America, bounded on the Labrador coast by the River Saint John, and from thence by a line drawn from the head of that river