

vince; general Carleton, who was the governour in chief, being then in England. Accordingly, on the 3d of December, 1773, they presented to him the following petition.

- To the honourable Hector Theophilus  
• Cramahé, Esq; his majesty's lieutenant-  
• governour and commander in chief of the  
• province of Quebeck in council.
- The petition of the subscribers, his majesty's  
• antient subjects, the freeholders, mer-  
• chants, traders, and other inhabitants of  
• the said province,

• Humbly sheweth,

- **T**HAT whereas his most excellent ma-  
• jesty, by his royal proclamation, bear-  
• ing date at St. James's the 7th day of Octo-  
• ber 1763, (out of his paternal care for the  
• security of the liberty and properties of those  
• who then were, or should thereafter become,  
• inhabitants of the four severall governments  
• therein mentioned) did publish and declare,  
• That he had, in the letters patent under the  
• great seal of Great-Britain, by which the  
• said governments were constituted, been  
• graciously pleased to give exprefs power and  
• direction to his governours, that so soon as  
• the state and circumstances of those go-  
• vernments would admit thereof, they should,  
• with the advice and consent of the members