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But there is another consideration which makes  
affection of the Canadians still more desirable.—  
I should be afraid to mention it if your Lordship  
had not proclaimed it already ; it is the present state  
of Boston : Should, my Lord, (which God avert) a  
great necessity arise, (as your Lordship has been too  
wise both to prognosticate, and to advise) to *coerce* A-  
merica ; do you wish in that melancholy event, to  
combine the heart of the Canadian with that of the  
Bostonian ? Was Canada now in the possession of  
France, and should the Bostonian resolve upon re-  
bellion, there can be no doubt whither he would  
look for support, and for encouragement. But the  
loss of that hope may happily dispose him to better  
thoughts.

If then, my Lord, the Quebec bill is founded in  
that first principle of all law, *the concurrence and ap-  
probation of the people*, and if its end is that, for which  
all government ought to be instituted, *the happiness of  
the governed*, then will this bill which your Lordship  
thought *atrocious, shallow, and inept*, appear consonant  
to justice, wisdom, benevolence, and policy ; and the  
legislature of this country will have followed an il-  
lustrious example of antiquity in making such regu-  
lations for the Canadians ; “ ut in sua ripa legibusque  
suis, mente animoque nobiscum agant.”

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