

' wise and virtuous general who conquered
 ' us, being a worthy representative of the
 ' glorious soveteign who entrusted him with
 ' the command of his armies, left us in
 ' possession of our laws and customs: the
 ' free exercise of our religion was preserved
 ' to us, and afterwards was confirmed by the
 ' treaty of peace; and our own former coun-
 ' trymen were appointed judges of our dis-
 ' putes concerning civil matters. This excess
 ' of kindness towards us we shall never forget.
 ' These generous proofs of the clemency of
 ' our benign conqueror will be carefully pre-
 ' served in the annals of our history; and we
 ' shall transmit them from generation to gene-
 ' ration to our remotest posterity. These,
 ' Sir, are the pleasing ties by which, in the
 ' beginning of our subjection to your ma-
 ' jesty's government, our hearts were so
 ' strongly bound to your majesty; ties which
 ' can never be dissolved, but which time will
 ' only strengthen and draw closer.

' In the year 1764, your majesty thought
 ' fit to put an end to the military government
 ' of this province, and to establish a civil go-
 ' vernment in its stead. And from the instant
 ' of this change we began to feel the incon-
 ' veniencies which resulted from the intro-
 ' duction of the laws of England, which till
 ' then we had been wholly unacquainted with.
 ' Our former countrymen, who till that time
 ' had been permitted to settle our civil disputes
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