

manner of it was thus.—In March last the Governor thought proper to assemble the Legislative Council; the general discontent throughout the Province was too public, and threatened too much danger to his Majesty's government; not to draw the most serious attention from those of the Council who preferred his Majesty's service and their own duty to every partial consideration; some motions were made, which, although they tended to preserve the public peace, yet proved disagreeable to the Governor, upon which the Council was very suddenly prorogued, and six days after the Chief-Justice was surprized with the following letter from the Secretary.

*Secretary's Office, Quebec, May 1st, 1778.*

“ Sir,

“ By his Excellency's the Governor's command I am ordered to inform you, you are no longer Chief-Justice of his Majesty's Province of Quebec; of which you will take notice and govern yourself accordingly.

“ I am, Sir,

“ Your most obedient,

“ Humble Servant,

“ GEORGE POWNALL,

“ Secretary, P. Q.”

*To Peter Livius, Esq.*