

it, it would have been vain to have looked for a clue; and therefore must have condemned it in the lump, as inexplicable nonsense; which indeed would have made us feel for your head, but not for your heart; whereas now we must include both: seeing this mischievous blundering arose from a malevolent zeal of affixing the ideas of inconsistency and cruelty upon the most immaculate character this nation ever produced.

Your vain confidence of identifying two things as opposite as day and night, viz. the religious parts of the capitulation, and Quebec bill, has been the secondary cause of your exposure; wherefore, to prevent your falling into a similar error, I will set before you the article relative to the Canadian clergy and religion.

By general Amherst's agreeing to the first part of the 27th article of capitulation, the Canadians should have had a stronger security for the free toleration of their religion, because founded on mutual compact, than the dissenters have in England, whose security is a simple act of parliament. Because the former being the joint act of the people of Canada, and the people of England, must in equity bind, till dissolved by mutual agreement; whereas the latter being the act of the legislature, the propriety, equity, and expediency of its continuance or discontinuance is in its own breast.

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