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all convenient speed, of the great benefits and advantages that would accrue, from the great and valuable acquisitions ceded to His Majesty in America, to their commerce, manufactures, and navigation; and, as an encouragement to them to do so, he informed them, that in the commissions he had given to the civil Governors of the said four new provinces, he had given express power and directions that, so soon as the state and circumstances of the said colonies would admit thereof, they should, with the advice and consent of the members of His Majesty's Councils in the said provinces, summon and call general Assemblies of the people within the said governments, in such manner as was used in those colonies and provinces in America which were under His Majesty's immediate government; and "*that in the mean time, and until such assemblies could be called, all persons inhabiting in, or resorting to His Majesty's said colonies, might confide in His Majesty's royal protection for the enjoyment of the benefit of the laws of his realm of England:*" that for that purpose His Majesty had given power, under the great seal, to the Governors of His Majesty's said new colonies, to erect and constitute, with the advice of His Majesty's said Councils respectively, courts of judicature, and public justice within the said colonies, *for the hearing and determining all causes, as well criminal as civil, according to law and equity, and, as near as may be, agreeably to the laws of England;* with liberty to all persons who might think themselves aggrieved by the sentence of such courts, in all civil cases, to appeal, under the usual limitations and restrictions, to His Majesty in his Privy Council.