

the infinite distresses of the loyal subjects of the Crown, who, expelled from their native country, are daily taking shelter, and seeking a poor and even a painful existence, in this, a British Colony. However their distresses may as yet subdue their petitions or their claims, the Parliament of Great-Britain will readily perceive, "that a free constitution, and a government similar, or superiour, to that under which they had been born, had lived, and been happy, will be considered by those, the injured, the distressed subjects of the Crown, as the first protection and comfort which the Parliament and the Nation, in relief to their distresses, can now grant;" and the more so, as it will be a protection and a blessing not merely granted to them, but extended to their children and posterity.

Your Petitioners, persuaded that the welfare, happiness, and prosperity, of the people and province of Quebeck are objects of the serious and benign consideration of Parliament, humbly presume to suggest, and ardently pray, that some amendment may be
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