

so peculiarly marked, as if unworthy to enjoy the privileges of British subjects.

There is not any thing of so much importance to the inhabitants of a country, as the nature of their government. Nor is there any political question, which involves in its discussion consequences more extensive, or more seriously interesting, than that which respects the claims to a free constitution, of a people labouring under the oppression of an arbitrary government. No objects therefore can be more strongly entitled to the serious attention and discussion of the British legislature, than the complaints from the province of Quebec; more particularly as these complaints have proceeded from the oppressive operation of its own solemn act, which excluded that branch of the British empire from the exercise and enjoyment of privileges, confirmed and protected by the constitution of England.

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