

without Straw. The People will see that the apparent Freedom held out by the new System is delusive; and the new Constitution will complete that Ruin which the former pernicious System had left unfinished.

I have not intended to propose any Thing for the Advantage of the Province that I think can, in anywise, injure the Interests of Great Britain, in so far as they are connected with the Affairs of the Province. My only Desire is to procure that Kind of Constitution for the Province which may promote the Happiness and Prosperity of the Inhabitants of every Part of that extended Country, as connected with and dependant on the Crown and Parliament of these Kingdoms.

In what I have urged on this Honourable House I have intended to acquit that Duty which I owe to my Constituents for the Confidence and Trust they reposed in me.

And I now trust the Affairs of the Province to this Honourable House, in perfect Reliance on their Wisdom and Judgment; fully satisfied that they will not adopt any strong Measure, without clear and positive Proof that it is not only necessary, but that it will be generally acceptable to the People settled in every Part of that great Country; hoping that this Honourable House will constantly keep in their View that the Constitution which is now to be established for the Province of Quebec involves the Security and Happiness not only of the present Generation, but of Thousands—perhaps Millions, yet unborn.