

than to increase a distance and coolness towards him. Without hope therefore of success from more private application, at the meeting of the legislative Council, and after Col. Caldwell's motion, the Chief-Justice felt himself coerced by every motive of honesty and fidelity to make two motions directed to the purpose before-mentioned, in the following words :

“ Province of Quebec, in Council,

“ 8th April, 1778.

*“ The Chief Justice moved, That this Board
 “ not having hitherto had communication of his
 “ Majesty's instructions, for the making and passing
 “ laws in this province; his Excellency the Go-
 “ vernor be humbly requested to communicate
 “ to this Board such royal instructions as he may
 “ have received relative to the legislation of this
 “ province, and he may think are proper to be
 “ disclosed to us, in order that the legislative
 “ Council may dutifully endeavour to conform
 “ themselves to his Majesty's intentions, and that
 “ they may, so far as they are able, carry into
 “ effect his Majesty's most gracious purposes, for
 “ the good government of his subjects in this pro-
 “ vince.”*

“ Province