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"with all convenient speed, of the great benefits and advantages
"that must accrue from the great and valuable acquisitions lately
"ceded to your Majesty in America, to their commerce, manu-
"factures, and navigation, has thought fit, with the advice of
"your privy council, to erect four new governments to be stiled
"and called by the names of Quebec, East Florida, West Florida,
"and Grenada; and that, as it will greatly contribute to the
"speedy settling the said new governments that your Majesty's
"loving subjects should be informed of your Majesty's paternal
"care for the security of the liberty and properties of those who are
"or shall become inhabitants thereof, your Majesty hath thought
"fit to publish and declare, by that your Majesty's proclamation,
"that your Majesty has, in the letters patent under the great seal
"of Great Britain by which the said governments are constituted,
"given express power and directions to your governours in the
"said new colonies, that, so soon as the state and circumstances
"of the said colonies will admit thereof, they shall, with the
"advice and consent of the members of your Majesty's councils,
"summon and call general assemblies within the said govern-
"ments, in such manner and form as is used and directed in those
"colonies and provinces in America which are under your Ma-
"jesty's immediate government; and that your Majesty has also
"given powers to the said governours, with the consent of your
"Majesty's said councils, and the representatives so to be sum-
"moned as aforesaid, to make, constitute, and ordain laws, sta-
"tutes, and ordinances for the public peace, welfare, and good
"government of your Majesty's said colonies and of the people
"and inhabitants thereof, as near as may be to the laws of Eng-
"land, and under such regulations and restrictions as are used
"in other colonies." And then it is further declared in your
"Majesty's said proclamation, "that in the mean time, and until
"such assemblies can be called as aforesaid, all persons inhabiting
"in or resorting to your Majesty's said colonies *may confide in*
"*your Majesty's royal protection for the enjoyment of the benefit*
"*of the laws of your realm of England;* and that for that purpose
"your Majesty had given power under the great seal to the gov-
"ernours of your Majesty's said new colonies to erect and con-
"stitute, with the advice of your Majesty's said councils respec-
"tively, 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 may think themselves aggrieved by the sentence
"of such courts, in all civil cases, to appeal, under the usual