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THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR thinks proper to call the attention of the Legislative Council to a subject, which he has long regarded as one of much importance to the Province and of particular interest to a large portion of its Inhabitants.

The Legislative Council is aware that of those persons who have come to this Province from foreign countries and more especially at an early period of its settlement, many had been citizens of the United States of America and subjects of that government.

Whatever difference of opinion may have formerly prevailed with respect to the civil rights of persons so situated from the circumstance of the United States of America having once been British colonies the solemn decision of the question in the courts of the mother country, whose laws we have adopted, leaves no room for doubt. And these Inhabitants of the Province are exposed to the inconvenience of finding those rights denied which they have hitherto enjoyed, but which, whenever they may be questioned, must be decided upon by those to whom the administration of justice is committed, according to Law and without regard to inconveniences which might be much regretted.