

Translation of the foregoing Petition  
of divers of the French Inhabitants  
of the Province of Quebeck to the  
King's Majesty, which was signed  
about the Month of December,  
1773, and presented to the King  
about February, 1774.

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‘ **Y**OUR most obedient and faithful new  
‘ subjects in the province of Canada take  
‘ the liberty to prostrate themselves at the foot  
‘ of your throne, in order to lay before you  
‘ the sentiments of respect, affection, and  
‘ obedience towards your august person, with  
‘ which their hearts overflow, and to return  
‘ to your majesty their most humble thanks  
‘ for your paternal care of their welfare.

‘ Our gratitude obliges us to acknowledge,  
‘ that the frightful appearances of conquest  
‘ by your majesty's victorious arms did not  
‘ long continue to excite our lamentations  
‘ and tears. They grew every day less and  
‘ less as we gradually became more acquainted  
‘ with the happiness of living under the wise  
‘ regulations of the British empire. And  
‘ even in the very moment of the conquest,  
‘ we were far from feeling the melancholy  
‘ effects of restraint and captivity. For the