

“ are not subject, in those colonies, to
 “ the incapacities, disabilities and penal-
 “ ties, to which *Roman* catholics in this
 “ kingdom are subject by the law there-
 “ of?” To which query those great men
 answered on the 10th of *June*, “ That
 “ they were not.” And the advocate,
 attorney, and solicitor general, in their
 joint report to the Privy Council upon
 the propositions of the Board of Trade,
 presented on the 18th of *January* 1768,
 state it to be their opinion, “ That the
 “ several acts of parliament, which im-
 “ pose disabilities and penalties upon the
 “ *public* exercise of the *Roman* catholic
 “ religion, do not extend to *Canada* ;
 “ and that his majesty is not by his
 “ prerogative enabled to abolish the
 “ dean and chapter of *Quebec*, nor to
 “ exempt the protestant inhabitants from
 “ paying tithes to the persons, legally
 “ entitled to demand them from the *Ro-*
 “ man catholics.” Supported by such
 high authorities, I am surely warranted