

tions to the Governor, to recommend and direct, that very ample satisfaction should be given in both respects, and that the instructions for that purpose should be forthwith communicated by the Governor to the Council. They have never, to this hour, been communicated, yet it will be evident to every person concerned in Canada, on the perusal of these instructions; that had they been obeyed and communicated by the Governor to the Council, and by them duly attended to, as they certainly would have been, they must effectually have removed all distrust, and have given the amplest security for property and person, to the content of the uneasiest men in the province; but this communication having never been made, an opportunity was given to the seditious and factious, which they diligently employed to raise the strongest prepossessions against the act, to misrepresent the intentions of government, and to fill the province with jealousy and dissatisfaction.

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In May, 1775, an attempt was made on the province by the rebels; and though they immediately retired, yet they possessed themselves of the navigation of the Lake Champlain, and of means to return when it might suit them.

In August, 1775, the Council were assembled for the purpose of legislation and settling the province; the Gentleman who was then Chief-Justice,

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