

from the letters lately addressed to us from the committee of Quebec and Montreal on this subject, (copies of which are hereunto annexed,) and moreover, from Our own knowledge, and the particular information Our connections in that country afford Us, *We are clearly and unanimously of opinion, that for the relief and redress of these evils, and the many other defects of the present constitution of that government, a provincial legislature, or house of assembly, established on the same principles as in every other British colony in America, will be effectual.*

*We are equally confident, that it is the earnest wish and desire (whatever may have been represented to the contrary) of the principal as well as the generality of the inhabitants of the province, both old and new subjects, (and to which the loyal refugees have also added their testimony by petition) to be governed by British laws, to be made and administered according to the British constitution; they found their claim to it, not only as British subjects, but under his Majesty's special proclamation of the 7th October, 1763.*

*We conceive no other form of government will satisfy and quiet their minds, secure their rights, and protect Our property. We, therefore, feel it Our duty to recommend, in the most earnest manner, this measure to his Majesty's ministers, as the most essential for the security and prosperity of this valuable province;*