

*Extracts from the Report of the Committee of Merchants of Quebec, to the Committee of Council dated January 1788.*

## OBSERVATION ON ACT 10.

“ THE King’s proclamation of October 1763, promised the future settlers in this province, the benefit of the laws of England; these laws were accordingly introduced by an ordinance of the Governor and Council in *September 1764*, but unfortunately abrogated in all civil causes, by the act of the 14 Geo. 3. cap. 83; which statute *instead of remedying temporary abuses, introduced great evils, particularly to the trading part of the nation. The merchants in England, and those of this province, have severely felt the effects and disposition of laws, to which they were utter strangers, the principles whereof, are anti-commercial altogether.—*”

“ *The custom of Canada is a system so imperfect and defective, that the decisions in the courts, have become arbitrary, and destitute of uniformity.—The Court of Montreal differs in practice as well as decrees in some points of law, from that*  
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