

seen for fourscore years in that kingdom; and yet if, notwithstanding these happy circumstances, *severity* has so little served to attach these infatuated people to the English government and their fellow-subjects, what success may we hope for from the like methods in Canada, where the Roman Catholic inhabitants are five hundred to one Protestant; and those Roman Catholics ten years ago were subjects of France, and every man bearing arms against England, in possession too of a country situated three thousand miles from Great Britain, and all access to it denied by nature, to our fleets and armies, for six months in every year.

The effects of lenity in the other instance recurred to, which was that of Minorca, were more promising, and the case was more in point than that of Ireland. The inhabitants of Minorca were originally Spaniards, and hostile to England. They had been permitted the full enjoyment of their religion and properties from the cession of the island to Great Britain, by the treaty of Utrecht, to the present hour; and although we have had two wars
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