

If it be conceived that Sir Guy Carleton's proceeding was founded on some principle of French government in Canada, it is a mistake; the case is quite otherwise; for during the time the French were in possession of that country, the Governor and the person at the head of the administration of justice, though equally dependent on the King, were perfectly independent of each other.

II. The impropriety of the time and the manner of the Governor's proceeding is to be considered.

When the greatest part of America was in rebellion, and the almost single Province then at peace was under some disquiet and jealousy, was it prudent to remove the Chief-Justice, unless there had been the most absolute necessity for it?

For the proceeding itself, and the manner of it. He was never accused, was never heard, and until he came hither, was uninformed of the nature of his offence. What never was or ever can be justly denied to the most notorious and infamous criminal, was denied the Chief-Justice of the country; he was condemned, disgraced, and dishonoured without either being heard in his defence, or any notice given him; and when he most humbly prayed (as your Lordships will see) to have a knowledge of what he had done amiss, and to be heard, he was contemptuously denied both.—The manner