

- ‘ To the right honourable the earl of Dart-
‘ mouth, one of his majesty’s principal
‘ secretaries of state.
- ‘ The memorial of the freeholders, merchants,
‘ planters, and others, his majesty’s antient
‘ and loyal subjects, now in the province
‘ of Quebeck,

‘ Sheweth,

‘ **T**HAT your lordship’s memorialists, en-
‘ couraged by the capitulation of Ca-
‘ nada, confirmed by the definitive treaty of
‘ peace, and his majesty’s royal proclamation
‘ of the 7th of October, 1763, did purchase
‘ lands, plant, settle and carry on trade and
‘ commerce in this province to a very con-
‘ siderable amount, and to the manifest ad-
‘ vantage of Great-Britain, in confident ex-
‘ pectation of the early accomplishment of
‘ his majesty’s said proclamation, giving ex-
‘ press power and direction to his governour,
‘ with the advice and consent of his council,
‘ to summon and call general assemblies, to
‘ make, constitute, and ordain laws, statutes,
‘ and ordinances, for the publick peace, wel-
‘ fare, and good government of the said pro-
‘ vince, as near as might be agreeable to the
‘ laws of England. For which reasons your
‘ memorialists have drawn up and transmitted
‘ herewith, their most humble petition to
‘ the king, praying his majesty will, out of
‘ his royal and paternal care of all his dutiful
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