

We humbly conceive that this Bill, if passed into a Law, will be contrary not only to the Compact entered into with the numerous Settlers of the reformed Religion, who were invited into the said Province, under the sacred Promise of enjoying the Benefit of the Laws of your Realm of *England*, but likewise repugnant to your Royal Proclamation of the 7th of *October*, 1763, for the speedy settling the said new Government.

That, consistent with the public Faith pledged by the said Proclamation, your Majesty cannot erect and constitute Courts of Judicature and public Justice, for the hearing and determining all Cases, as well civil as criminal, within the said Province, but as near as may be agreeable to the Laws of *England*; nor can any Laws, Statutes or Ordinances for the public Peace, Welfare and good Government of the said Province, be made, constituted and ordained, but according to the Laws of this Realm.

That the Roman Catholic Religion, which is known to be idolatrous and bloody, is established by this Bill, and no legal Provision is made for the free Exercise of our reformed Faith, nor the Security of our Protestant Fellow-subjects of the Church of *England*, in the true Worship of Almighty GOD, according to their Consciences.

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