

In consequence of that address, and the papers which accompanied it, his Excellency, *from that regard to public justice which has always distinguished his Lordship*, was pleased, in a council of state held in his presence on the 18th of May 1787, to order the chief justice to institute a public investigation into the past administration of justice in the province.

We thought it necessary to state particularly the various transactions which preceded and gave birth to the order for an investigation, or enquiry, into the past administration of justice in the province of Quebec; as the evidence which was brought forward before the chief justice on that occasion, by a number of the most respectable men in that country, upon oath, many of them gentlemen high in rank, and holding places of great trust and confidence under Government, has exposed to public view such a scene of anarchy and confusion in  
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