

sentation is not so general, as by some may be deemed consistent with the rights of the whole people, it will be sufficient for us to observe, that it is to the Commons' House of Parliament, that these kingdoms are indebted for the freedom of the government, and the liberty of the subject.

Representation therefore has ever been considered as the inherent right of every British subject; they enjoy it in Britain; and in settling distant colonies, or conquered provinces, the British government has constantly acknowledged the maxim, by allowing the people a representative body in the legislature of each colony or province respectively. One province only has been restrained from the exercise of this privilege—the province of Quebec—though we trust we shall be able to shew, that there is nothing in its situation, or in the conduct of its inhabitants, which will justify its being