

to; the clamour, which has been endeavoured to be raised against the late Act for the better regulating the Province of *Quebec*, would never have been excited; but, since such endeavours have been used; it becomes the duty of the friends of government, who wish to give content and satisfaction to the minds of the people, to lay before the public a fair and simple representation of the purposes of the law, and to suggest the considerations upon which that measure appears to be founded; in order to enable every candid *Englishman* to form a right judgment of its propriety, and of *their* title to his esteem and confidence, upon whose advice it was taken up, or by whose assistance it has been carried into effect.

When the vast territory of *Canada* became part of the dominions of the crown of *Great Britain*, it was found to contain near one hundred thousand inhabitants; a hardy industrious race of men, equally skilled in the management