

XXII. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That no person shall be capable of voting at any Election of a Member to serve in such Assembly, in either of the said Provinces, or of being elected at any such Election, who shall not be of the full Age of Twenty-one Years, and a natural born Subject of His Majesty, or a Subject of His Majesty naturalized by Act of the British Parliament, or a Subject of His Majesty, having become such by the Conquest and Cession of the Province of Canada.

XXIII. And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be capable of voting at any Election of a Member to serve in such Assembly, in either of the said Provinces, or of being elected at any such Election, who shall have been attained for Treason or Felony in any Court of Law within any of His Majesty's Dominions, or who shall be within any Description of Persons disqualified by any Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province, assented to by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors.

Report of His Majesty's Advocate, Attorney, and Solicitor General, respecting the qualifications of Voters and Members of the House of Assembly, for the Province of Lower-Canada.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF THE 31st Oct. 1792.

His Excellency communicated to the Board a Copy of a Report of His Majesty's Advocate, Attorney and Solicitor General dated 6th July 1792, relating to the Capacity of a certain description of Persons to vote for, or to be elected, Members of the House of Assembly for the Province of Lower-Canada, which being read in both Languages was Ordered to be entered, with Liberty to the Clerk to deliver Copies thereof, if required in either Language.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

IN humble obedience to your Majesty's commands signified to us by a letter from Mr. Secretary Dundas, bearing date the 5th day of June last, accompanied by a letter from Lieutenant Governor CLARKE, of the 10th of May last, in which was inclosed the Copy of a Memorial presented to him on the third of March last, desiring that we should take the same into our consideration and report our opinion whether the Memorialists and persons of the same description are capable of voting for or being elected members of the assembly for the Province of Lower-Canada, we have considered of the said memorial, which sets forth.

That after the conquest of Canada by the British arms and the definitive treaty with France, your Majesty was pleased to issue your royal Proclamation bearing date at St. James's the 7th day of October 1763, in which you declared your royal intentions of securing to the inhabitants residing in and resorting to the new Colony of Quebec the enjoyment and the benefit of the laws of England which declares.

That all persons inhabiting in or resorting to our said Colonies may confide in our royal protection for the enjoyment of the benefits of the laws of our realm of England.

That