

safety of the nation, and the preservation of its dominions, made sacred every moment of publick deliberation.

Your Petitioners wish to forget — they forbear to animadvert upon — the Constitution and the Government they have lived under since the passing of the Quebeck Bill. Whatever reasons, or policy of state ; — — whatever idea of necessity at that critical period ; — might have pressed upon this people such an Act and Government, — so contrary to the growth, the welfare, and interest of a commercial state, — so adverse to the liberty and the happiness of your Petitioners and the subjects of Great-Britain in Quebeck, — so repugnant to the Royal Assurance of a limited and mixt government, similar to the other British Colonies in America, and in which the people legally qualified should participate ; — Whatever such necessity or reasons of state might then be, your Petitioners presume they can now no longer have existence to support that act, nor that any consideration adverse to the true principles of the English Constitution will