

requires a freehold of five pounds per annum as a qualification in a country where money is less plentiful, the price of labour much higher, and the best directed industry less productive.

By the Petitions presented to Parliament, the uncertain and distracted state of the Law is pointed out to its attention, as one of the principal causes of the various grievances which have oppressed the Province: and with that spirit of moderation which has throughout distinguished the conduct of the Petitioners, they have contented themselves with soliciting as a *gift* that, which every dictate of sound policy and every principle of substantial justice would have extended to them as a *right*. We refer to such parts of the Law of England as are applicable to the circumstances, and necessary to the interests, of the Province.

Groaning under that species of oppression