

down all the protestant steeples ; and that these ministers had at length thrown off the masque, and opened their plan of despotism.

This plan of despotism, my Lord, is the substitution of an act of parliament in lieu of a government by proclamation ; a proclamation which at first was dictated, has been often varied, and till this time has subsisted by the meer will and pleasure of the crown. It was *imperium hominis* that has governed the Canadians since the peace ; it is *imperium legis* that is to govern them hereafter. Is it necessary for me to explain to your Lordship which is a state of liberty, and which of tyranny ? Conversant with the history and fate of nations, your Lordship knows that all those unhappy people who have lost their liberties, have seen those liberties end precisely where the government of will began. But your Lordship is pleased to  
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