

upward of 2,300 inhabitants of the province, in which number are all the old, and the most respectable of the new subjects: the signatures to this petition have never been published, and, therefore, *their respectability* cannot be traced. It is to be observed, that, in another part of the pamphlet, the author states the number of the old subjects to be 28,000: They must then have increased miraculously since the year 1784, if it be true that the above petition, which had only 2,300 signatures, comprehends "all the old, and the most respectable of the new, subjects." In the same year, 1784, a petition, in opposition to the above, was sent to the Secretary of State, to be laid before his Majesty, signed by near
 * 4000 Canadians; and whenever that petition shall be laid, by his Majesty's Ministers, before the public, it will be found to be signed by the *most respectable* among the Canadians.

It would appear the author of the pamphlet expected, that the end for which his publication was hazarded, would have been obtained before the pamphlet could reach Canada; otherwise he never would have mentioned the respectability of the Canadians, who had been misled by some of the new settlers to sign petitions, for the repeal of the statute of the 14th of the King, and for the establishment of
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