

“ *propagated, impiety, murders, and rebellion.*
 “ These violent expressions point out to us their
 “ true character, and shew us how deeply
 “ they have been mortified at not having been
 “ able to obtain an assembly, from which
 “ they had proposed to exclude you by re-
 “ quiring you to take certain oaths that were
 “ contrary to your religion, in order to your
 “ admission into it, as their countrymen have
 “ done in Grenada. By this means they
 “ would have been in possession of the full
 “ power of regulating all your concerns of
 “ every kind, civil, political, and religious,
 “ in the manner they should have thought fit.
 “ You may perceive that this was their design
 “ by only reading the petition they sent to
 “ London. They there represent to the king
 “ *That his majesty's protestant subjects in the pro-*
 “ *vince are sufficiently numerous to make it con-*
 “ *venient to summon an assembly.* This ex-
 “ pression shews them in their true colours.
 “ A handful of men, whom a beneficial trade
 “ which they have carried on amongst us,
 “ has just raised from the dirt, for the most
 “ part, would fain become our masters, and
 “ reduce you to the most miserable slavery ; I
 “ repeat it. I speak, however, only of the
 “ committee of Montreal and of a few mer-
 “ chants at Quebec who wish to have the
 “ late act repealed. Those people must surely
 “ take us to be wonderfully stupid, and to-
 “ tally blind to our own interest, that they
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