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Stat. 4
Geo. III.
cap. 19.

The next act of parliament of this kind is of the same 4th year of your Majesty's reign, chap. 19. This statute expressly relates to this province by name, being intitled, "An Act for importing Salt from Europe into the Province of Quebec in America for a limited Time." It enacts, "that it shall be lawful for any of his Majesty's subjects to carry and import salt from any part of Europe into the said province of Quebec in America in British ships and vessels manned and navigated according to the act of navigation; *any law, statute, usage, or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.*"

By these last words it seems to be supposed that all the former laws and statutes of Great Britain relating to this subject of the importation and exportation of goods and merchandize, made before the conquest of this province, are of force in this province as well as in the other British provinces in America.

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cap. 15.

Another act of parliament passed by your Majesty, and expressly relating to this province, is the statute of the same 4th year of your Majesty's reign, chap. 15, intitled, "An Act for granting certain duties in the British colonies and plantations in America, and for other purposes." By this statute it is enacted, that certain rates and duties therein mentioned shall be paid upon several species of foreign goods therein enumerated that shall, after the 29th day of September 1764, be imported or brought into any colony or plantation in America, *which now is, or hereafter may be*, under the dominion of your Majesty, your heirs and successors; and these duties are accordingly levied and paid in this province.

These are the acts of parliament, or at least some of them (for possibly there may be others which have escaped our notice) which by their own import and operation extend, as we conceive, to this province, without the help of any other instrument or act of government to introduce them; and therefore such parts of the laws of England as are contained in these statutes are certainly in force in this province, being introduced into it by the highest authority, that of your Majesty, or your royal predecessors, in conjunction with both houses of parliament. The remaining parts of the laws of England have been introduced, or are generally understood to have been introduced, by a series of public instruments, or acts of government, founded on your Majesty's royal authority alone, without the concurrence of your parliament. These public instruments and acts of government are as follows:

Articles of
capitulation
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The first of these public instruments is the capitulation granted by your Majesty's general, Sir Jeffrey Amherst, to the inhabitants of Canada at the general surrender of the whole