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so considerable a number of Your submissive and faithful Children from participation in the favours of the best of Kings, of the tenderest of fathers? No Sire, prejudice has never reached Your Throne you love equally and without distinction all your faithful subjects. Your Canadians will always have for your august person the most perfect love, the greatest submission. It is from these claims Sire, that they expect from Your Majesty the same benevolence the same protection which you grant to all your subjects.

Having been already informed, Sire by general Guy Carleton the governor of your Province of Your favourable intentions with regard to us, it is to this worthy representative of Your Majesty, who perfectly comprehends the Condition of this Colony and the customs of the people, that we confide our most humble supplications to be conveyed to the foot of Your Throne. The Report Sire, that the generous, wise and disinterested Governor will make to you, both of our hardships, which he has softened as much as lay in his power, and of our submission and affectionate conduct towards the government will we dare to hope, finish what your Royal and paternal heart has already begun.

Restored to our customs and usages administered according to the forms with which we are familiar every individual will know the extent of his rights & the way to defend himself without being obliged to spend more than the value of his property to maintain himself in his possessions.

Thus rendered able to serve our King and our country in every situation we shall no longer groan under this state of humiliation, which, so to speak, makes life unbearable to us, and seems to have made of us a reprobate nation.

Overwhelmed, Sire, with your gifts and your favours, penetrated with love and gratitude, we will make known to our children the benefits for which we are indebted to your Majesty, and they will join with us in imploring the benedictions of Heaven on your sacred person, on your august family and for the prosperity & increase of your dominions.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CARLETON 1771.¹

George R.

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Additional Instruction to Our Trusty and Wellbeloved Guy Carleton Esquire, Our Captain General & Governor in Chief in and over Our Province of Quebec, in America,

¹ Canadian Archives, M. 230 pp. 114, 115. Carleton was at this time in London, (see note 2 p. 423) and it was apparently in response to his representations in favour of restoring the feudal power of the Crown in Canada that these and other alterations in the colonial system were adopted. See Carleton to Shelburne, p. 288, and Draught of Ordinance, p. 292.