

" vernment of this province, passed in the 14th
 " year of his present Majesty, it is enacted, that
 " it should be lawful for his Majesty, his heirs
 " and successors, in manner therein expressed, to
 " constitute and appoint a Council for the affairs
 " of the province of Quebec, to consist of per-
 " sons resident there, not exceeding twenty-three,
 " nor less than seventeen; that his Excellency the
 " Governor was pleased, by an order of the 8th
 " of August 1776, to appoint a Council (calling
 " the same a Privy-Council) to consist only of five
 " particular persons in the said order named, and
 " of such others as the Lieutenant Governor
 " should think proper to send for.

" That by virtue of the said order, the five per-
 " sons in the said order named repeatedly, in dif-
 " ferent affairs of different natures, have taken
 " upon themselves to act as a Council for the af-
 " fairs of the province of Quebec, in opposition
 " to the said act of parliament, and in exclusion
 " of his Majesty's Council for the affairs of the
 " province of Quebec, legally constituted and
 " appointed according to the said act.

" That the accounts of the expenditures of all the
 " public monies for the use of this Province, have
 " been examined only by these five persons, or
 " such others as the Lieutenant Governor chose to
 " send for, and afterwards have been reported by