

near a Million in *France*\* would probably at Times have passed over thither, and helped to counterbalance the Strength and Number of their popish Countrymen. These People, with the English who would naturally have continued settling there, would in a very few Years have formed a sufficient Number of Protestants to have served on Juries, and to have composed *an Assembly*) or House of Commons) *wholly Protestant*; without the Necessity of *admitting even one Papist*. The Priests as they had died off, might have been supplied from *England* with Divines of our own Church; and as we use the Cross in Baptism, the Surplice &c. in Divine Service, it would not have been so violent a Transition; and a People easy and happy in their temporal Concerns, would probably by Degrees have been weaned from Popery.—I speak with some Authority—as knowing it was the Expectation of some of the Canadians, and that they were not much displeased with the Thoughts of it. Add to this, had some little Advantages been thrown

\* Wrote in 1774.