

That the merchants in London, trading to this province, had complained to the King's ministers of these evils, and of the ruinous effects that actually had arisen, and the consequences that must arise from such a system or code of laws, and had prayed for relief.

That the King's new subjects, the Canadians, in the year 1773, when they petitioned his Majesty to obtain a security in their property and possessions, by the known rules of their ancient laws, at the same moment implored his Majesty equally to extend his protecting hand and care to his natural born (ancient) subjects.

That the constitutional principle of colonization in every modern empire, *is the extension, to such colony, of the national laws* for securing the personal rights of the natural born subjects.

That such would be the only wise and political means to populate this extensive colony, to increase its commerce, to improve its utility and subordination to Great Britain, and in that, and by those laws, to render the people wealthy, numerous, and happy.

That the legal and judicial construction given in this province upon the Quebec act was, that
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