

“ his governour or commander in chief to  
 “ call a general assembly, in such manner,  
 “ and of such constitution and form, as to  
 “ his majesty’s royal wisdom should seem best  
 “ adapted to secure the peace, welfare, and  
 “ good government of this province. Where-  
 “ fore with deep concern they observe, that  
 “ in certain examinations taken before your  
 “ honourable house, the British subjects here  
 “ have been grossly abused and misrep-  
 “ sented, as well as to their numbers as in  
 “ their importance in this province. For the  
 “ number of the new subjects has, we hum-  
 “ bly conceive, been greatly exaggerated, it  
 “ being, by the last computation, about  
 “ seventy-five thousand; whereas, by an  
 “ enumeration of the British subjects, they  
 “ amount at this time to upwards of three  
 “ thousand souls, besides many that we can-  
 “ not immediately ascertain that are dispersed  
 “ in the Indian countries carrying on traffick  
 “ with the savages, besides the merchants and  
 “ traders with their families settled at Detroit  
 “ and its dependencies, and at the fisheries  
 “ below Quebeck. And whereas an act of  
 “ parliament has lately passed, intituled,  
 “ *An act for the making more effectual provision*  
 “ *for the government of the province of Quebeck*  
 “ *in North-America,*” which is said to have  
 “ been passed upon the principles of humanity  
 “ and justice, and at the pressing instance and  
 “ request of the new subjects, signified to his  
 “ majesty

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