

Seal of Great Britain for erecting four new civil Governments in the Countries and Islands then newly ceded to the Crown of Great Britain, to wit, the Governments of Quebec, East Florida, West Florida, and Grenada) shall be in force in the said Province of Quebec from and after the first Day of next September in this present Year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred, and eighty-five, as being one of the principal Benefits of the Laws of England that were promised in His Majesty's Proclamation above-mentioned to His Majesty's Subjects residing in the said Province. And further the said Writ of *Habeas Corpus* shall be granted in the Manner prescribed by the Statute made in that Behalf in the thirty-first Year of the late King Charles the Second, not only in all Criminal, or supposed Criminal, Cases, but in all other Cases, whatsoever in which the said Writ of *Habeas Corpus* might have been granted in Term-Time by the Court of King's Bench in England, on the said seventh Day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred, and sixty-three.

But they may be Suspended for three months at a time by an Ordinance of the Legislative Council of the Province in times of actual rebellion in the Province or of an invasion of it by a foreign Country.

PROVIDED nevertheless, that, when the Peace of the said Province shall be actually broken, either by a Rebellion or any of His Majesty's Subjects in the said Province against His Majesty's Authority, or by an Invasion of the said Province by a foreign Enemy, but in no other Case whatsoever, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor in Chief, or the Commander in Chief, of the said Province, or, in Case of his Death or absence from the said Province, for the Lieutenant-Governour, or Commander in Chief, of the said Province, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council of the said Province, in a Meeting of the said Council in which not fewer than seventeen Members of the same shall be present, to pass an Ordinance for suspending the Right of His Majesty's Subjects in the said Province to the Relief afforded by the said Writ of *Habeas Corpus* for the space of three Months, and no longer; by Virtue of which Suspension all Persons that shall have been committed to Prison by the Warrant, or order in writing, of any lawful Magistrate, in the Province having competent Jurisdiction to make such Commitments, upon either a positive Charge, or a Suspicion, of High Treason, expressed in the said Warrant, or Order, may be detained in Custody without Bail or Mainprize to the End of the said three Months, during which the said Ordinance for suspending the Writ of *Habeas Corpus* shall be in Force. And it shall also be Lawful for the Governour in Chief or Lieutenant-Governour, or Commander in Chief, of the said Province, with the legislative Council of the same, in a Meeting of the said Council, in which not fewer than seventeen