

A
D R A U G H T
O F

An Intended REPORT of the Honourable the Governor in
Chief and the Council of the Province of QUEBEC to
the King's most Excellent Majesty in his Privy Council ;

C O N C E R N I N G

The State of the Laws and the Administration of Justice in
that Province.

May it please your Majesty,

IN humble obedience to your Majesty's order in council, of the
28th day of August 1767, wherein your Majesty is pleased to
order that we should report to your Majesty,

First. Whether any, and what, defects are now subsisting in the
present state of Judicature in this your Majesty's province of
Quebec :

And Secondly. Whether the Canadians are, or think themselves,
aggrieved according to the present administration of justice :
wherein, and in what respects ; together with our opinions of
any alterations or amendments that we can propose for the
general benefit of the said province ; and that such alterations
and amendments, for the clearer apprehension thereof, be
transmitted to your Majesty in the form of ordinances, but not
passed as such ; and that such report be returned, signed by
your Majesty's governor, or his *locum tenens*, the chief justice,
and attorney general of the said province ; but that, if they
should not concur, the person or persons differing in opinion
should be required to report the difference of his opinions,
together with his reasons for such difference of opinion, fully
and at large :