

the 7th day of October, 1763, received invitation and encouragement from the Crown to quit their native countries, and settle and become established to reside in the new-acquired province of Canada.

That the said Proclamation held forth and assured your Petitioners, that a Government and Constitution should be made and confirmed to your Petitioners, and the subjects of the Crown residing in the province of Quebec, similar to those in his Majesty's provinces in America.

Your Petitioners, relying on the Prerogative of the Crown to hold forth such encouragement, and to grant and confirm such a government in this province as the Proclamation of his Majesty promised to your Petitioners, and, confiding in the faith of the Crown pledged by the said Proclamation, did not hesitate to consider and rest satisfied that the Constitution assured to your Petitioners and the people of Canada would be established. Under those considerations they, from time to time, since issuing the said Pro-

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