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present, unanimously agreeing, that the Design of settling the said Province ought to be speedily encouraged and promoted.

His said Majesty being afterwards more fully convinc'd, that such an Undertaking would greatly tend to the Benefit of the English Nation, and the Security of its Colonies on the Continent of North America, often declar'd, that he would leap over Twenty Stumbling-Blocks, rather than not effect it; and frequently affur d the present Proprietor, that it should not only receive a Publick Encouragement, but that he would pare ticularly contribute towards it, by fending at his own Cost Six or Eight Hundred French Refugees and Vaudois, to joyn with those English who could be procur'd to begin the Settlement there.

Besides divers Noblemen, Gentlemen and Merchants, proffer'd the same, Particularly the Lord Londale, then Lord Privy-Seal, being highly sensible of the great Advantages would redound to the English Nation thereby,

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who were then present,