

“ And is not the French law much clearer
 “ and plainer than the English, and written
 “ in a language which you understand?---
 “ Surely the French law is better for you in
 “ every view : and the judicious part of our
 “ English fellow-subjects in the province,
 “ (of whom there is a great number) agree
 “ that the enjoyment of it could not be re-
 “ fused us without injustice.

“ And accordingly the allowance of the
 “ French laws amongst us is not the part that
 “ gives our envious fellow-subjects most of-
 “ fence in the acts of parliament of which
 “ they are endeavouring to procure the re-
 “ peal. It is another part of those acts, which
 “ they never speak to you of, but which they
 “ maintain their dislike of amongst them-
 “ selves. It is this. One of these not only
 “ allows you the free exercise of the Roman-
 “ Catholick religion, but it goes further,
 “ and releases you from the necessity of taking
 “ for any purpose whatsoever certain oaths
 “ that were before required by the laws in
 “ certain cases, and which were contrary to
 “ that religion ; and it thereby lays open to
 “ you all the employments and places of trust
 “ in the province. This is the thing that
 “ shocks these Englishmen, and makes them
 “ declare in the publick news-papers *that*
 “ *the said act of parliament is a detestable and*
 “ *abominable act, that authorises a bloody reli-*
 “ *gion, which spreads around it, wherever it is*
 “ *propagated,*