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They express very strong Apprehensions of the Mischiefs that must attend the Operation of this Bill; and they more especially lament the Abolition of those most valuable Parts of the *English* Law, which relate to the Protection of personal Liberty, by Means of the Writ of *Habeas Corpus*, and of those which establish the Trial by Jury in civil Cases; which Abolition, they conceive to be involved in those very general Words of the new Act, which direct, "That in all Matters of Property and civil Rights, resort shall be had to the Laws of *Canada*, and not to the Laws of *England*."

This total Expulsion of the Laws of *England*, and total Restoration of the Laws of *Canada*, in civil Matters, which is so grievous to themselves, they alledge to have been no way necessary to the Satisfaction of the *Canadians*; but, on the contrary, they declare, that the Majority of those new Subjects of his Majesty, have rather expressed a liking for the general Body of the Laws of *England*, since they have had Experience of them, than a Wish to see their former Laws restored; having enjoyed, and being always ready to acknowledge they have enjoyed, a greater Degree of Liberty for their Persons, Security for their Property, and Encouragement to the Exertion of their Industry in Trade and Agriculture, since the Intro-