

to be applied for that purpose, those recommended by his Majesty's gracious instructions.

That there are at present in this province about 15000 of his Majesty's ancient subjects, great part of which number are the loyalists lately settled under his Majesty's paternal protection, and the humane and fostering care of the nation.

That those subjects *are wholly ignorant of the French laws* proposed to be established for the government of the civil rights.

That the French laws, as said to be established, and as proposed to be continued, *are wholly inadequate to secure the peace and prosperity of the King's natural born subjects residing in the province, or wisely and justly to protect and govern commercial rights, or to hold out as the means (but would prove a powerful bar) to population.*

That under these laws the *civil rights are unknown*, and property is insecure.

That infinite injury has arisen from holding the mercantile interest and rights to be governed and administered in the King's courts by such laws.

That