

administration of their justice, the instability of property, the banishments of their parliaments, together with their lettres de cachet, none of which, my Lord, are the institutions of the law, but the excesses of that power, which has arisen upon the *demolition* of law. What a glorious and happy revolution would France experience, could you at this moment restore her ancient laws free from the controul of power !

This is the very blessing : which the Quebec bill instates the Canadians, not *torn* from the church, but separated from the state of Rome ; they are in possession of the law which they love, under a government that must take that law for its guide, where the ministers of the crown can neither issue a general warrant, nor imprison by a *lettre de cachet*, but every illegal or oppressive act that would be impeachable and punishable against an Englishman, will be equally criminal, in respect of the Canadians.

One word to the policy of this bill, and I have done. I do not mean to consider the general policy, whether England had better have rested upon her natural innate strength, or have become the head of a divided empire, over different nations of different faith. Her former state, as in the days of Queen Elizabeth, was the theme of poetical rapture.

*Oh England model of thy inward greatness,  
Like little body with a mighty heart.*

SHAKESPEARE.

Was the same poet to celebrate your administration, he would speak of England as,

— *Bestriding the world  
Like a Colossus.*-----

But