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only as British subjects but under his Majesty's special Proclamation of the 7th October 1763.

We conceive no other Form of Government will satisfy and quiet their Minds secure their Rights & protect our property—We therefore feel it our Duty to recommend in the most earnest manner this Measure to his Majesty's Ministers as the most essential for the Security and Prosperity of this valuable province and that that obnoxious and impolitick Law¹ the act for subjecting the British Subjects of Canada to a Government so repugnant to the Ideas of Britons and the British Constitution and was so often cry'd out against as one of the Causes of the Defection of the Neighbouring Colonies may no longer disturb the peace of the Loyal Subjects of this province

Vermont

This new state which is already become very populous and which has no Sea ports but through this province must require considerable quantitys of European Manufactures for which to avoid the Duties and heavy Charge of transporting them by Land through the American States would naturally have recourse to Canada and prefer the British Manufactures to which they have been accustomed were the Communication allowed—We do not conceive such Communication under proper restrictions could be attended with any evil on the Contrary it must be productive of great Trade and Riches to the Province of Quebec and in consequence the increase of British Navigation and Commerce

Newfoundland & The
Corn Trade.

Agriculture has been constantly improving in Canada ever since the Country has been under British Government in so much that the Exportation to the European Markets amounted the year preceeding the last War to upwards of Three hundred thousand Bushels of Wheat besides considerable quantitys of Flour and Biscuit sent to Newfoundland and the West Indies and although the necessary Consequences of the War was a temporary Impediment to its progress it has speedily revived again with the Re-establishment of Peace and the Crop of the last year we have undoubted Authority to assert will afford upwards of Two hundred Thousand Bushels of Wheat for Exportation—There can therefore be no doubt of this province being able sufficiently to supply the Newfoundland Fishery with Bread and Flour. The Merchants concerned in that Branch of Trade having particularly desired as the most essential means for the Security of the British Fishery to be precluded from any Commerce or Communication with the American Independent States alledging that the Licences now held out to them for

¹ Referring to the Quebec Act.