

the Inhabitants. These Powers were neither lessened nor restrained by the Treaty of Peace in February, 1763; which provided for the Toleration (Note, the *Toleration only*, not the *Establishment*) of the popish Religion in that Province, and made no mention either of Laws or Imposts. Consequently in October following, when the royal Proclamation was issued, the Government was *then* at Liberty to make new Laws, or to impose new Duties. By this Proclamation, the Subjects of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and all other his Majesty's protestant Subjects, were invited to enter into, and settle in this new Province, as well as in the other Conquests, under the royal Promise that they should be governed as the other Provinces in *America* were: i. e. by a Governor, Council, and Assembly of the Freeholders or Planters, (which latter answers to our House of Commons;) and also that they should have and enjoy the immediate Use of the Laws of England.

Now let us see what the Proclamation says, " And in the mean Time, and

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