

part which relates to juries, and the rights of English citizens. It is addressed

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The petition of your majesty's most dutiful and loving subjects, the lords of fiefs, landed proprietors, citizens, merchants, and traders, inhabitants of the district of Quebec, in the province of Quebec, in North America.

“ Your majesty hath been pleased, during this
 “ time, to grant them the *privilege* of sitting upon
 “ juries, not only in all civil, but also in all criminal cases; *but at the same time they were given*
 “ *to understand, that they were obstacles* to being in
 “ any employs, whether *civil* or *military*; they
 “ were, and are, startled at the idea of such an
 “ exclusion. Your petitioners, who ardently wish
 “ to serve and to be useful to their country, flatter
 “ themselves, that your majesty will be pleased to
 “ permit them to participate with your ancient
 “ subjects, in the *rights* and *privileges* of *English*
 “ *citizens*. The irreproachable conduct which
 “ they have observed, since the conquest, and
 “ their submission to government, should be looked upon as faithful testimonies that they will
 “ never abuse your majesty's goodness. They
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