

—and sixthly, the commission of vice-admiral, granted to the said major-general Murray, whereby all the laws of the English court of admiralty were introduced into the said province ;—and seventhly and lastly, the statute of the first of Queen Elizabeth, for restoring to the crown of England the antient jurisdiction over the estate ecclesiastical and spiritual ; which prohibits all exercise of the Pope's pretended power and jurisdiction in all the dominions of the crown of England, as well in those that hereafter should belong to it, as in those that belonged to it at that time, and consequently in the said province of Quebec ; and some other acts of parliament both before and since the conquest of the said province, which manifestly extend to and bind it. All these instruments are evidently necessary to be carefully considered upon this occasion by the members of his Majesty's privy-council ; and, if (as there is good reason to hope it will) this important subject should be brought before the two houses of parliament, to be considered also by the members of those houses. Now this could not easily be done without the help of some such collection as the present : because the above-mentioned instruments are no where else to be found printed together ; and many of them are not printed at all in any other book, but lie dispersed in the original manuscripts only, or in the records of the several public offices ; from which it would be very expensive, and be attended with great delay, to cause a sufficient number of copies for the use of so many persons to be transcribed. It is therefore hoped that the present collection of them will be thought a proper and useful work. It contains, besides the important instruments above-mentioned,

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