

with the state of this province, or who are attached to the interest of the mother country, do think such form of government fit to be introduced into it. The act of the 14th of the King, which regulates the government, was the result of the information which his Majesty's Ministers had received from the Governors, and other principal officers, during the ten years which had succeeded the introduction of civil government into the province. The justice and policy of that act, and the motives which induced the legislature to enact it, are well delineated in a pamphlet published at the time, and to which reference may be had*. It is true, some Canada merchants in the city of London remonstrated upon the occasion, and presented a petition to his Majesty, requesting him to withhold his assent from it; but experience hath evinced how groundless their fears were, "from the persecuting spirit of the " Romish Religion, &c." The natives of the country (as in justice they ought) though Catholics, have been admitted into offices of trust and profit, and, in their different stations, have testified as much zeal and attachment to

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