

SIR,

Quebeck, Nov. 8, 1773.

AS you appear to have the true interests
 of this country at heart, we take the
 liberty to trouble you with the draught of a
 petition which the English inhabitants of
 the province have determined to present to
 the governour and council. It is now the
 general opinion of the people, (French and
 English) that an assembly would be of the
 utmost advantage to the colony, though they
 cannot agree as to the constitution of it.
 The British inhabitants, of whom we are
 appointed a committee, are of very moderate
 principles: they wish for an assembly, as
 they know that to be the only sure means
 of conciliating the new subjects to the Bri-
 tish government, as well as of promoting
 the interests of the colony, and securing to
 its inhabitants the peaceable possession of
 their rights and properties. They would
 not presume to dictate. How the assembly
 is to be composed, is a matter of the most
 serious consideration: they submit that to
 the wisdom of his majesty's councils. What
 they would, in the mean time, request you
 to do, is to inform the ministry and the
 publick, that a petition is presented (for it
 will be so in a few days) to the governour
 here, to call an assembly; and that if he
 does not grant their request, they will im-
 mediately apply to his majesty, from whom
 they