ordonance publifhed in this city, by order of Mr. Ulloa, of the 6th of September 1766, the interlocutory decree iffued yefterday, upon the requifition of the king's attorney-general, orders and directs, that before the decifion of the court, the faid reprefentations fhall be put into the hands of Meffrs. Attre Uchet, efquire, lord of Knion, and Piot Deiaunay, titular counfellors, to be by them examined, and afterwards communicated to the king's council; that what the law directs may be enacted concerning them. All thefe particulars being taken into confideration, the king's attorney-general ftood up and faid,

" Gentlemen,

" The firft and moft interefting point to be examined is the ftep
" taken by all the inhabitants and merchants in concert, who,
" being threatened with flavery, and labouring under grievances
" which have been enumerated, addrefs your tribunal, and re-
" quire juftice for the violations of the folemn act of the ceffion of
" that colony. Is your's a competent tribunal? Are thefe com-
" plaints juft? I fhall now fhew the extent of the royal authority
" vefted in the fuperior council. The parliaments and fuperior
" council are the depofitaries of the laws, under the protection of
" which the people live happily; they are, by their rank and
" dignity the patrons of virtuous citizens, and they are eftablifhed
" for the purpofe of executing the ordonances, edicts, and decla-
" rations of kings after they are regiftered. Such was the will
" and pleafure of Lewis the well-beloved, our fovereign lord, in
" whofe name all your decrees to the prefent day have been iffued
" out and carried into execution. The act of ceffion, the only
" title of which his catholic majefty's commiffary can avail him-
" felf, to make his demands *auctoritate & proprietate*, was ad-
" dreffed to the late Mr. D'Abbadie, with orders to caufe it to be
" regiftered in the fuperior council of the colony, to the end that
" the different claffes of the faid colony may be informed of its
" contents, and may be enabled to have recourfe to it upon occafion;
" this