

ceiving that assistance which their distressed situation may require, I hereby make known to them, that as soon as their health is restored, they shall have free liberty to return to their respective provinces.

“ Given under my hand and seal of arms, at the castle of St. Lewis, in the city of Quebec, this tenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the sixteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

GUY CARLETON.

By his Excellency's command,

H. T. CRAMAHIE.

GOD save the King.”

The preceding proclamation does not mark any intention in General Carleton to have the rebels treated with severity ; on the contrary, it evidently shews his determination to convince them, by every act of humanity, that they were regarded as the King's misguided subjects, and as such would be treated with tender compassion. The leading members of the Congress, dreading the effects which