

have let go the very power which you say they grasp at; and if, my Lord, there could ever be a proper time to insult the king's person with a cry of arbitrary power, surely, my Lord, there could have been no time less seasonable than that, when he was going to give his assent in parliament to restore to the Canadians their birth-right in their laws, and to relinquish that very power which conquest had put in his hands.

This proclamation, however, we are told, with the treaty, and other acts of royal authority, was considered as an engagement, under which the colonists embarked their persons, and the merchants their fortunes for Canada, and that the national faith was plighted to form a government *as near as may be* agreeable to the laws of England; for