

‘ without any expence to us, were thanked
 ‘ for their services, and dismissed: and the
 ‘ militia of the province, which had till then
 ‘ been proud of bearing that honourable name
 ‘ under your majesty’s command, was laid
 ‘ aside. It is true indeed we were admitted
 ‘ to serve on juries: but at the same time we
 ‘ were given to understand, that there were
 ‘ certain obstacles that prevented our holding
 ‘ places under your majesty’s government.
 ‘ We were also told that the laws of England
 ‘ were to take place in the province, which,
 ‘ though we presume them to be wisely suited
 ‘ to the regulation of the mother-country for
 ‘ which they were made, could not be blended
 ‘ and applied to our customs without totally
 ‘ overturning our fortunes and destroying our
 ‘ possessions. Such have been ever since the
 ‘ æra of that change in the government, and
 ‘ such are still at this time, our just causes of
 ‘ uneasiness and apprehension; which how-
 ‘ ever we acknowledge to be rendered less
 ‘ alarming to us by the mildness with which
 ‘ your majesty’s government has been admi-
 ‘ nistered.

‘ Vouchsafe, most illustrious and generous
 ‘ sovereign, to dissipate these fears and this
 ‘ uneasiness, by restoring to us our ancient
 ‘ laws, privileges, and customs, and to ex-
 ‘ tend our province to its former boundaries.
 ‘ Vouchsafe to bestow your favours equally
 ‘ upon all your subjects in the province,
 ‘ without