

## APPENDIX. No. XI.

*The following Articles are from the Report of Merchants of Quebec to the Legislative Council, dated 6th January, 1787.*

*Article X.* The King's Proclamation of October 1763, promised the future settlers in this Province the benefit of the laws of England; those laws were accordingly introduced by an ordinance of the Governor and Council in Sept. 1764, but unfortunately abrogated in all civil causes by the act of 14 Geo. III. ch. 83, *which statute, instead of remedying temporary abuses, introduced great evils, particularly to the trading interest of the nation.* The merchants in England, and those of this Province, have severely felt the effects of laws, to which they were utter strangers, the principles whereof are anti-commercial altogether. *The custom of Canada is a system so imperfect, that the decisions in the Courts have become arbitrary, and destitute of uniformity.* The Court of Montreal differs in its practice as well as decrees, in some points of law, from that of Quebec; *both Courts agree in not confining themselves to rules of law, but occasionally decide on the equity of the case, contrary to the letter of the law.* Thus the custom  
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