

tice, and who probably was acquainted with these instructions, struggled hard for regulations conformable to them; but such of the Canadian Seigneurs as were in Council, knowing nothing of the King's pleasure but the act, would hear of nothing but the strictest Canadian law, "Je me renferme dans le Bill," was the word with them; the instructions would have levelled an opposition that arose principally from respect to the King's supposed intentions; but in direct disobedience of his instructions they were carefully secreted, and for want of them, all was contest and confusion; when in the midst of it, Mr. Schuyler, and then Mr. Montgomery, with his band, increased by report to a great army, appeared and invested St. John's; all legislative regulations went into smoke, and the province became a scene of uproar and anarchy. It is unnecessary to particularize what your Lordships well know, the whole province possessed by the rebels except the capital, and that invested by them, but defended and preserved by the loyalty and perseverance of its citizens, and at length relieved. Here was an opportunity, when every thing that had been conducted amiss might have been amended, by the lesson of the late experience; but it was neglected; the Canadians, who cheerfully contributed in forwarding the expedition of the King's army in the repulsion of the rebels, were still forced to furnish their

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