

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 18

HILLSBOROUGH TO CARLETON.¹WHITEHALL, 12th Oct^r 1768.Gov^r CARLETON.

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The proper support and encouragement to be given to the Church of England as well as the necessary toleration to be allowed to His Majesty's new subjects in the exercise of the Roman Catholic Religion, will be matters of serious attention in the consideration of the general regulations for the Colony of Quebec, which important business is, I trust, now drawing near to some conclusion.

In the mean time His Majesty does not doubt that you will give all necessary protection to the new subjects in the exercise of their religion; and is pleased to recommend it to you particularly to countenance the established Church, and to take care that the Offices of it are administered with a decency corresponding to the purity of its principles.

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I am &c.

HILLSBOROUGH.

CARLETON TO HILLSBOROUGH²

Secret Correspondence

QUEBEC Nov^r 20th 1768.

MY LORD Since my arrival in this province, I have not been able to make any discovery, that induces me to give credit to the paper of intelligence inclosed in your Lordships letter of the 14th of May last³; nor do I think it probable the Chiefs of their own free motion in time of peace, dare assemble in numbers, consult, and resolve on a revolt; or that an assembly of military men should be so ignorant, as to fancy they could defend themselves by a few fireships only, against any future attack from Great-Britain, after their experience in fifty nine. Notwithstanding this, and their decent and respectful obedience to the Kings government hitherto, I have not the least doubt of their secret attachments to france, and think this will continue as long as they are excluded from all employments under the Brittish Government, and are certain of being reinstated, at least in their former Commissions under that of france, by which chiefly they supported themselves, and families.

When I reflect that france naturally, has the affections of all the people; that, to make no mention of fees of Office & the vexations of the Law,

¹ Canadian Archives, Q 5-2, p. 756. The portions omitted refer to the appointment of two ministers of the Church of England to the parishes of Quebec and Three Rivers, and the objections of Carleton to one of them, formerly a French Jesuit.

² Canadian Archives, Q 5-2, p. 890.

³ This letter does not appear among the State Papers in the Canadian Archives.