

ceipt of Your Excellency's commands, I obtained from the said Indians such information as they could offer upon the subject, and have since attentively examined the Title Deeds relating to the said Seignior of St. Gabriel in the possession of Mr. Pyke Secretary to the Commissioners for Administering the Estates heretofore belonging to the late Order of the Jesuits in Canada.

By these it appears, that the first Grant of the Lands in question was made at Paris, on the 16th April 1647, by the then Company of New France, to one Robert Giffard, Seignior of Beauport, as containing *two* leagues in front by *ten* in depth, thus described in the Original Deed of Concession thereof, "*c'est à savoir*" "*deux lieues de terres en la Nouvelle France, à prendre aux*" "*mêmes endroits de sa précédente Concession*" (that is, Beauport) "*et rangeant icelle, ou de proche en proche autant qu'il se*" "*pourra faire, sur dix lieues de profondeur dans les terres vers*" "*le nord ouest.*" The land so conceded was granted to him, his Heirs and Assigns for ever, "*à titre de Fief et Seigneurie,*" subject to the performance of Fealty and *Hommage* at the Castle of St. Lewis upon each mutation of the said property, and charged with the usual fine or *quint* according to the custom of Paris. Of this Grant it would appear, that Giffard in the same year 1647, made a Donation to the Ladies of the Hotel-Dieu at Quebec, of *half* a league in front by the whole depth, which Donation was afterwards on the 20th of August 1653, confirmed to the said Ladies by Mr. De Lauzon the then Governor of Canada, and it is thus described, "*une demie lieu de front sur la Rivière St.*" "*Charles sur dix lieues de profondeur demembrée du Fief St.*" "*Gabriel, à prendre d'un côté aux terres concédées sur la Rivière*" "*St. Charles au Sieur Guillaume Couillard, d'autre part, à la*" "*ligne qui fait la séparation des terres depuis peu accordées aux*" "*Sauvages, d'autre bout par derrière, aux terres non concédées,*" "*et par devant à la Rivière St. Charles*"

I likewise find, that on the 2nd November 1667, twenty years after the Original Grant, the said Robert Giffard and Marie Renouard his Wife, being proprietors of the remaining *league and one half* in front, by the entire depth aforesaid, made a Voluntary Donation thereof to the Revd. Fathers of the Company of Jesus established in Canada, in consideration as well of the friendship which existed between them, as of "*plusieurs bons et agréables*" "*services,*" which the said Revd. Fathers had rendered to the said Giffard and his wife, "*pour en jouir comme des choses à eux appartenantes,*" to hold the same, to them the said Jesuits for ever, as of their own property and estate; and they in fact from that