

of the plough, the fishing-net, and the musket. They were descended from *Frenchmen*, attached to *France*, and professed the religion of that country. They had obtained a considerable influence over the Western Savages, who had been accustomed to wage an almost continual war, under their direction, with the *English* subjects, against whom they cherished the strongest antipathy and malevolence.

The lands of *Canada* had been granted by the *French* king in Signeuries upon feudal tenure; and the seigneur had parcelled them out among the inhabitants upon the like conditions; and the relation and compact between lord and tenant was still more firmly cemented, by the former being appointed to command the militia of his seigneurie, and being also vested with the civil jurisdiction in all matters of a trivial value. He was also sheriff of his district; and all pro-

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