

French, it was provided that the English General should furnish ships for carrying to France the Supreme Court of Justice, Police, and Admiralty.

The Marquis of Vaudreuil, by article forty-two of the Articles of Capitulation, proposed "that the French and Canadians shall continue to be governed by the custom of Paris, and the laws and usages established for their country." General Amherst answered this forty-second article thus: "They become subjects of His Majesty." The answer of the Général, it will thus be seen, was short but significant. Not only the correspondence that took place between the two commanders, but the articles of the capitulation, all go to show that on the one side the Marquis was endeavouring to have preserved to the French and Canadians their ancient laws and customs, while on the other side (the English) the commander would consent to nothing else than that the inhabitants "should become subjects of the King," amenable to the laws and constitution of England.

The French, remaining in the Province after the capitulation till the final treaty of peace was signed in 1763, were not at all satisfied.

There can be no doubt that military law is not in the general pleasing to civilians; and it may be that some of those charged with the administration of the kind of law imposed upon the Canadians were not the best qualified for the duties they had to discharge; but there is no authority for saying, as is said by at least one French writer of history, that "this martial system was adopted in violation of the capitulation, which guaranteed to the Canadians the rights of British subjects." The history of the time rather goes to show that the French Canadians, though conquered, were not subdued. They still clung to their own laws, and did not willingly submit to become British subjects, to be governed by British law. It is not surprising that this should have been the case. The French Canadian, walking in the old paths all his life, and his forefathers before him, for more than a century, could