

PREFACE.

Having made a compilation of the first principles of Theoretical and Practical Agriculture for the use of the Schools in Lower Canada, and also a Treatise on Agriculture and Horticulture, it appears to me that I ought to lay before its Inhabitants a Statement of the duties, services and obligations that they have to fulfil both towards God and their fellow mortals, to complete their instruction.

A work of this kind cannot but be very useful, particularly to strangers who come with the intention of settling in a country, of the laws, usages and customs of which they are ignorant.

The Feodal System introduced in the country is a bug-bear to them because they do not know that it is only the name which is odious here, and that it is more advantageous to their settlement than that of Free and Common Socage lately introduced, particularly much less expensive and burthensome, of which they may convince themselves by reading this unprejudiced work, which I aver to be founded on the existing laws of the country and no other.

It is only the wish to be useful to the old and new Colonists, that has induced me, at the age of seventy-nine, to undertake a work of this importance, which requires much attention and research.

It is probably the last work which I shall make, and may therefore be considered as my Testament and last act of good will in favour of the Canadian Farmers, (*cultivateurs*)

To proceed regularly, I shall divide this work into three principal heads or parts.

I will treat in the first part of Religious Duties, in the second of Civil Duties, and in the third of Functionaries and Public Offices.

The m
Divine
that pro
individu

The fi
tion ha

There
there be
to adore
our offer
to obtain
will there

CHUR
(campag
ing a C
owe Hin
is to of
dead, th
address
his app
Priest t
the maj
into the
the bui
number
makes
them to

The
sioners
pray th
choose
require

The C
take p
choosin
votes,
drawn

The
firmed
make p
be hom