

to preserve it, have old attachments possibly in direct opposition to the habits, manners, and opinions of their new sovereigns. It requires, consequently, no small degree of address, in which urbanity should blend with power; the one softening the other, to *wear* the natives from their ancient customs, to win their confidence, to conciliate their esteem, and reconcile them to those alterations which policy may prescribe, and the general interests of the empire require.

Of the territorial acquisitions which have crowned the arms of Great Britain with success, we may consider the conquest of CANADA as among the most distinguished, as well from the value of the province itself, as from the splendour of circumstances by which it came into our possession: Although the laurels which Britain gained by that conquest