

to the public the researches we publish here. It is sad indeed in exhibiting the national character, to call back the painful end of efforts which, at their beginning, raised so legitimate and bright hopes ; but we must overcome the natural repulsion generated by misfortune, and fix our minds on these sad recollections of the pass, to derive from our disasters, useful informations to guide and strengthen our conduct in the future. We know that it is not without concern for us to follow the french people, abandoned in our old possessions and to show what has become of their posterity, through the difficulties and trials of a foreign domination. France seems to have forgotten, that in the dark hours of her history, important populations of her own blood and in spite of misfortune, faithful to their origin, were forsaken by her. Who remembers *to day* Acadia, Canada, Louisiana or even Mauritius, though so recently lost ? Who has any recollection of places illustrated by so many heroic fights and the devoted patriotism of their inhabitants ? It is hard to awaken remembrances of our past glory and to point out that France has been the first to commence this wonderful developement of civilisation in North America, while losing through her carelessness, the generous children she did not know how to defend.

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