

consideration we have thought it due to our sense of justice to assign not only a title of honor to the estate and seignior of Longueil, but also to confer on its owner a proof of an honorable distinction which will pass to posterity, and which may appear to the children of the said Charles Le Moyne a reason and inducement to follow in their father's footsteps : For these causes, of our special grace, full power and royal authority, We have created, erected, raised and decorated and do create, erect, raise and decorate, by the present patent, signed by our own hand, the said estate and seignior of Longueil, situate in our country of Canada, into the name, title and dignity of a barony ; the same to be peacefully and fully enjoyed by the said Sieur Charles Le Moyne, his children and heirs, and the descendants of the same, born in legitimate wedlock, held under our crown, and subject to fealty (*foi et hommage avec dénombrement*) according to the laws of our kingdom and custom of Paris in force in Canada, together with the name, title and dignity of a baron ;—it is our pleasure he shall designate and qualify himself baron in all deeds, judgments, &c. ; that he shall enjoy the right of arms, heraldry, honors, prerogatives, rank, precedence in time of war, in meetings of the nobility, &c., like the other barons of our kingdom—that the vassals, *arrière vassaux*, and others depending of the same seignior of Longueil, *noblement et en roture*, shall acknowledge the said Charles Le Moyne, his heirs, assigns, as barons, and pay them the ordinary feudal homage, which said titles, &c., it is our pleasure shall be inserted in the proceedings and sentences, had or rendered by courts of justice, without, however, the said vassals being held to perform any greater homage than they are now liable to. .... This deed to be enregistered in Canada, and the said Charles Le Moyne, his children and assigns, to be maintained in full and peaceful enjoyment of the rights herein conferred.

“ This done at Versailles, the 27th January, 1700, in the fiftieth year of our reign. (Signed) LOUIS.”