

CLERGY RESERVES

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CANADAS.

THE European Nations, with the exception of the English, were particularly careful to provide for the religious instruction of their colonies; and from their very first settlement, the provision for this important object kept pace with their growth.

This was particularly the case with France, Spain, and Portugal, whose provinces in America possessed the same religious establishments with the parent States, the same gradation of ranks among the Clergy, and still more abundant means of support.

The natural consequence was a greater tranquillity among themselves, and a more devoted attachment to their mother countries; for had it not been for the revolt of the British Colonies, and the consequent convulsions of Europe, they would still have continued faithful.

In the British American Settlements, no attention was paid by Government to the religious instruction of the people; they were left entirely to themselves;