

Publications had been issued through the news-papers in Philadelphia, to sound the public opinion, as to a war with Canada.—Every misrepresentation, as to the state of the popular opinion was fought for, and great encouragement was given by many in the States, to such as were solicitous for convulsions. At this time, the people of Canada, were not projecting trouble for the States, but as far as possible, encouraging a friendly intercourse, and reciprocal good offices.

The Catholic religion had been assaulted, and treasures devoted to pious uses were seized upon in France :—Armies, and the leaders in the new government, were dividing the property of temples, religious houses, and asylums for poverty and disease, and for the young and defenceless.

Reformation was the pretext: This flame was begun in a great degree in the States, and a few were ready to give it free course in the provinces. The clergy from France at this time took great pains with the Canadians, to lead them to subordination to government, and to preserve themselves from massacres and destruction. They saw that the Catholics were proscribed, and that the

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