

“ nées un lieu nommé Sylleri ; considérant en outre que les
 “ Pères Jésuites, reconnoissant que les lieux étoient agréables aux
 “ Sauvages, leur avoient fait bâtir une Eglise, &c —Voulant
 “ favoriser un si grand ouvrage de retenir ces bonnes Néophites
 “ proche de leur Eglise ; nous leur donnons l’étendue d’une lieue
 “ de terre, depuis le Cap qui termine l’ance de St. Joseph, en
 “ montant sur le Grand Fleuve, sur quatre lieues de profondeur ;
 “ le tout sous la conduite et direction des Pères Jésuites qui les
 “ ont convertis, &c. et de leurs Successeurs.”

This Grant was confirmed by the King of France, in con-
 sideration “ qu’il est très-raisonnable qu’ils (the Indians in general)
 “ aient et qu’ils retiennent dans leur pays l’étendue de terre qui
 “ leur seroit nécessaire pour vivre en commun, et mener une vie
 “ sédentaire auprès des François ;”—And on the express condi-
 tions, “ que lesdits Sauvages soient toujours sous la conduite,
 “ direction et protection des Pères Jésuites, sans l’avis et con-
 “ sentement desquels ils ne pourront remettre, concéder, vendre
 “ ni aliéner lesdites terres, &c ; et auxquels nous accordons la
 “ direction des affaires desdits Sauvages, sans néanmoins qu’ils
 “ soient tenus d’en rendre compte qu’à leurs Supérieurs.”—From
 these two documents it is manifest, that the sole object of the grant
 was the Settling of Christian Indians in general in one spot, and
 under the same superintendance ; and that consequently, the mo-
 ment that object was defeated, either by the Indians not settling
 in the first instance, or by the subsequent abandonment of the
 Establishment, the trust was at an end.

It appears that the Indians remained at Sillery about 40 years ;
 after which, the land being exhausted and stripped of firewood to
 a considerable distance round the Settlement, they abandoned
 it, and at length retired to the spot which they now occupy at *La*
Jeune Lorette. About 8 or 10 years after the abandonment,
 viz, in 1699, the Jesuits applied for a grant of the Seigniorie for
 themselves in their own right, stating fully in their Petition the
 facts of the case as above set forth, and urging moreover, the
 great exertions which they had made, and the expense which
 they had incurred in their endeavours to convert and unite the
 Indian Tribes. One expression made use of by them is very
 remarkable, to shew that the Huron Indians have no exclusive
 claim to this property more than the other Indian Tribes ; “ mais
 “ en particulier la dépense que les suppliants ont fait, pour sou-
 “ tenir la mission des *Algonquins* et des *Abenakis*, sur la Sei-
 “ gneurie de Sylleri, qui a été donnée à ces Sauvages, &c.”
 In consequence of this Petition, Letters Patent were issued on