

‘ tent, (because it is impossible to change or  
 ‘ alter them without destroying and totally  
 ‘ overthrowing our titles to our estates and  
 ‘ our fortunes;) is a favour, and even an act  
 ‘ of justice, which we hope for from the  
 ‘ goodness of his majesty.

‘ We ardently desire to be admitted to a  
 ‘ share of the civil and military employments  
 ‘ under his majesty’s government. The  
 ‘ thought of being excluded from them is  
 ‘ frightful to us. We have taken the most  
 ‘ solemn oath of fidelity to his majesty and  
 ‘ the august family of Hanover: and ever  
 ‘ since the conquest of the country, we have  
 ‘ behaved like loyal subjects. And our zeal  
 ‘ and attachment to our gracious sovereign  
 ‘ will make us always ready to sacrifice our  
 ‘ lives for his glory and the defence of the  
 ‘ state.

‘ The province, as it is now bounded by a  
 ‘ line passing through the forty-fifth degree of  
 ‘ north latitude, is confined within too narrow  
 ‘ limits. This line is only fifteen leagues  
 ‘ distant from Montreal. And yet it is only  
 ‘ on this side that the lands of the province  
 ‘ are fertile, and that agriculture can be cul-  
 ‘ tivated to much advantage. We desire  
 ‘ therefore that, as under the French go-  
 ‘ vernment our colony was permitted to ex-  
 ‘ tend over all the upper countries known  
 ‘ under the names of Michilimakinac, De-  
 ‘ troit, and other adjacent places, as far as  
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