

GLIMPSES OF QUEBEC,
DURING
The Last Ten Years of French Domination, 1749-59,
WITH
OBSERVATIONS ON, AND CONTRASTS BETWEEN, ITS PAST
AND THE PRESENT.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Had my object been merely to please your fancy and captivate your imagination by exhibiting those noble *traits* of individual bravery—those examples of sacrifice of self, for love of country—those hair-breadth escapes by flood and field, of which our annals abound, closing my narrative with the grand spectacle of the triumphal march of civilisation over Indian ferocity in its most repellant forms, it is not the era of expiring French power, at Quebec, I should have searched for material.

My eyes would have reverted to those brave old times of Champlain—d'Iberville—de Frontenac—Dollard des Ormeaux—Brebœuf—Mdlle. de Verchères, &c.

However, the dark days which heralded the loss of Canada to France, are not without their interest. To the student of history, they are pregnant with teachings; every where you read the bitter lesson, which in all ages Kings