

"Allow me to contradict what I said not two weeks ago about a house that the Knights of John of Jerusalem would have had in Quebec some time before the conquest. I must apologise for what I have said of that famous Italian *American Gazetteer* and I am bound now to think that there was such a house in Quebec, when such an authority as Knox's Historical Journal of the campaign of 1759-60 mentions it in his description of our city. At page 147, vol. 2, will be found the description of Quebec after the bombardment. "Their principal buildings were the Cathedral, of which only the walls remain, the Bishop's Palace, the Colleges of the Jesuits and Recollets, the Convents of the Ursulines and Hotel de Dieu, with their churches, a Seminary for the education of youth, almost beat to pieces, with a neat chapel adjoining; *a stately, but unfinished house for the Knights Hospitallers,*" etc., etc.

Now when it is known that the term *Knights Hospitallers* was indistinctly said for Knights of Malta or Knights of St. John, you will admit with me that it is better not to be too hard on the Italian author when he is in so good company for his assertion.

The house being unfinished at the time of the conquest we may suppose that it had been only commenced a few years before, or perhaps a few months; that will explain why Lahontan, La Potherie, Charlevoix, Kalm and others don't mention it in their descriptions of this city, the house having been commenced only after any of them visited Quebec. Knox's description of Quebec is the next of any importance published contemporaneously to the Italian *American Gazetteer* and I think it is a strong enough authority to give satisfaction to Col. Carr, who seems to feel some interest in the question. Now it is left for some body else to tell us where the house stood and how it disappeared. The enigma of the *Grand Council of Carolina*—I cannot claim the honor of telling you what the author meant by this; another Knox may be found some day to divulge it."

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And moreover a few days ago I found another mention of the same *House* in a book entitled "Millar's Geography," etc., etc. published in London in 1782; a large folio volume with hundreds of fine engravings in it. In the description of Quebec at page 796 is to be found the following: "over this is the Jesuit's College which is a fine building, and