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From the period at which the American Revolutionary War terminated so successfully in Canada, and so highly honourable to the loyalty and patriotism of the inhabitants; to that important era, in which a new constitution was given to the Province, we are unable to trace any public historical details of much consequence in relation to the object of our present researches. The determined manner in which the Americans were expelled out of Canada, and the sentiments of devoted affection which in every corner of the country existed towards that government, who possessed both the power and inclination to bestow upon the inhabitants the blessings of freedom and happiness, conspired to promote that internal security, which is at once the immediate and happy consequence of national tranquility, and the forerunner of agricultural and commercial prosperity. In the perfect enjoyment of all those means which give an impulse to industry and enterprize, the inhabitants of Canada, and more especially the citizens of Montreal, immediately betook themselves to those various and indispensable pursuits, without which society, as at present constituted, cannot be maintained with that degree of dignity which it has been the especial care of Providence to make the peculiar characteristic of man in his civilized