

Les Filles de la Congrégation

This was an institution for teaching Young Girls to read and write; they take the vows but are not cloister'd and go abroad about their affairs. They are poor. However besides what they possess in the other two Governments they had a House in the lower Town destroy'd by our Artillery, one at Point au Tremble and one with a small Farm at S^t Famille in the Island of Orleans.

Their number at present in this Government . . . 4.

This Government is divided into 50 Parishes some of which are small, and not thoroughly inhabited as yet. For want of regular Clergy, several of the Recollets serve Cures, and in some places one Curé serves two, the whole is under the inspection of a Vicar General at present, during the vacancy of the See.

Observations

1st. The Canadians are very ignorant and extremely tenacious of their Religion, nothing can contribute as much to make them staunch subject to his Majesty as the new Government giving them every reason to imagine no alteration is to be attempted in that point.

2^d. Care was taken under the former Government to keep up a great part of the Clergy French, especially the dignified part: To prevent the further importation of these, it would be necessary to encourage the natives to engage in the profession, which cannot be so well done, except the See is filled up, as without a Bishop there can be no ordination: some difficulty will attend this, as it is unendow'd tho'