

UNE LETTRE DU GOUVERNEUR MURRAY

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Quebec, 7th June, 1762.

My Lord !

By this opportunity I forward to Sir Jeffrey Amherst a Report of the Government of Quebec agreeable to His Majesty's most Gracious Commands, signified by your Lordship in the Dispatch to His Excellency of the twelfth December last. From time to time I have constantly transmitted to M. Secretary Pitt, every Information I could procure in relation to this country, and make no doubt the same has been communicated to your Lordship. I likewise Hope and expect, that Long before this M. Ainslie agent of the King's Posts, by his own knowledge, and such Papers as he could save, has given your Lordship or the Lords of the Treasury, some part of the account required, and that Captain Fraser, who sailed from New York the beginning of April last, with my positive Directions for that purpose, will have had the Honor to lay the Duplicates of those same Papers before your Lordship.

In the Report, I have endeavored to give the clearest State of the Government of this country, while in Possession of France, and to Point out the errors of that Administration, but how the new one should be formed, was too nice a subject for me to undertake, and have left the same to the determination of my Superiors: one thing only I shall observe, that the people here do not yet seem ripe for such a Government as prevails in our other Colonies.

Wherever the Country is fully ceded, there will be much to be done; at present the Canadians labour under vast Difficulties from the want of a sufficient Circulation of Cash, nor can the English Traders dispose of a great Part of their Effects on this account. If