

grants also had a quantity of land bestowed upon them.

In return for this bounty, the nation vends her manufactures, and must enjoy a lucrative commerce with countries that are increasing in wealth and numbers, whose consumption of foreign commodities will increase in proportion also. The advantages to the nation from this justice, policy, and mode of colonizing will be immense. The country is fertile, well timbered and watered. Commodious locks are formed near the rapids, which facilitate transportation. The winter is peculiarly favorable for conveying the produce of the country and commodities of the merchant to market, as the roads are good, the country flat, and waters frozen.

At St. Regis on the south side of the river, a number of Indians reside in a small town, built of hewn timber, who are occupied in hunting, fishing, farming, and the manufactures of their tribes. The most distinguished object in this place is a very large Catholic church, inferior to few in size, which has been lately built by the Indians themselves, with a small assistance from the clergy and some gentlemen of rank and fortune. Men,