
MEMORANDUM

Relating to the Documents on the Seigniorial Tenure printed in pursuance of an Address of the Legislative Assembly, session of 1851.

The first Volume contains the titles of the *Concessions en fief*, etc., extracted from the Intendants' Books and Registers, as well as of the *Concessions à titre de cens et rentes*.

Several titles are repeated in the French of this volume, in consequence of the registers from which they are extracted sometimes containing two titles for the same tract of land, the one dated at Montreal and the other at Quebec, and because it was found necessary to employ several copiers on different registers containing the same titles, and there was no time to compare the several copies, which were immediately put into the hands of the printer. These duplicates do not exist in the English version.

The second Volume contains the Edicts, Ordinances and Decrees (*Arrêts*) relating to the Seigniorial Tenure.

The third Volume contains an Extract from the Proceedings of a Committee of Council, relating to a change of Tenure in the Province of Quebec, in 1790, and the Report of the Commissioners appointed on the Seigniorial Tenure agreeably to an Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 7th September, 1841.

The fourth Volume contains the Correspondence between the French Government and the Governors and Intendants of Canada, relative to the Seigniorial Tenure, as obtained from the Archives of the Naval and Colonial Department at Paris, through Mr. Faribault, during his mission to Europe in 1851, a part of which is also inserted at the end of the third Volume; the Correspondence between the Colonial Office and the Governors of Canada relative to the Seigniorial and Feudal Tenure, laid before the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Special Addresses to that effect; and a Decision given in appeal before the Military Council of Montreal, on the 20th April, 1762, in a cause relating to certain Seigniorial Rights which the Sieur Jean-Baptiste Le Duc, Seignior of Isle Perrot, claimed to be due to him by one Joseph Hunault, an inhabitant of the said place.

This last document was not found till quite recently.
