

gine I am giving you only my own conjectures, take the following extract from a letter of father Noel de Joinville, of a pretty antient date.

“ I have remarked in this country fo
 “ great an aversion in the convert-savages
 “ to the English, caused by difference of
 “ religion, that these scarce dare inhabit
 “ any part of Acadia but what is under
 “ their own guns. These savages are so
 “ zealous for the Roman Catholick
 “ church, that they always look with
 “ horror upon, and consider as enemies
 “ those who are not within the pale of it.
 “ This may serve to prove, that if there
 “ had been *priests* provided in time, to
 “ work at the conversion of the savages
 “ of New-England, before the English
 “ had penetrated into the interior of the
 “ county as far as they have done, it
 “ would not have been possible for them
 “ to appropriate to themselves such an
 “ extent of country as, at this day,
 “ makes of New-England alone the most
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