

happy issue of this attack, by dinners, etc. If we consult the *Quebec Gazette* of 1776, 1777, 1778 and 1779, we see that the 31st December was the day chosen for these celebrations, as being the exact anniversary of the American's defeat.

Bishop Briand, in his mandement of December 29th, 1776, says : " What are our feelings to-day respecting the happy and glorious event of the 31st December, 1775, the anniversary of which will in three days remind us of its sweet and comforting remembrance." (1)

This authority is very important, as bishop Briand was in Quebec when the attack was made.

We find in the Archives of the Parish of Quebec, the following extract :

" The first day of January 1776, by us vicar of Quebec, undersigned, has been interred in the Sainte Famille cemetery, the body of Louis Valeran, killed during the attack made on the 31st December." (2)

Dr. Kingsford has not seen this last document, neither the following, which appears in full letters on Montgomery's monument erected in Saint Paul's Church, New York, and which has been made by Benjamin Franklin, who asserts before the whole American nation that Montgomery fell on December the 31st, 1775.

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(1) " Quels sont aujourd'hui nos sentiments sur l'heureux et glorieux événement du 31 décembre 1775, dont l'anniversaire va dans trois jours nous rappeler le doux et consolant souvenir ? "

(2) " Le premier janvier 1776, par nous vicaire de Québec, soussigné, a été inhumé dans le cimetière de la Sainte-Famille, le corps de Louis Valeran tué dans l'attaque livrée le 31 décembre..."

LEFEBVRE, prêtre."