

Lawrence, the Ottawa, and the parallel of the 47th degree of North latitude, offers a field for Settlements, possessing many advantages in point of soil and climate, and in some respects enjoying a superiority over the Seigniorial grants North of the River St. Lawrence. It exceeds 16,000 superficial miles, equal to 160 Townships which would all lie South of the latitude of Quebec, and form, with the Southern Townships, a compact trapezium, lying between the parallels 45° and 47° of N. latitude, the longitude of Quebec, and the Ottawa River, diagonally traversed by the St. Lawrence. Under such a variety of considerations, and impressed with a sense of the important advantages that would inevitably result to His Majesty's Government, and to the Colony, were my anticipations on this subject to prove as satisfactory as they portend, I humbly beg leave to recommend the expediency of exploring that section of the country by trustworthy and scientific Surveyors, who would be directed to ascend and explore, to their sources, the principal Rivers that flow into the Ottawa, viz: the North River, the Petite Nation, the Rivière au Lièvre, the Great Rivière Blanche and the Gatineau. A more accurate knowledge of the Ottawa, from Onslow to its source, should also be an object of primary importance, especially when it is considered that this magnificent River presents a front of nearly 300 miles, dividing us from the

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