

of law, because the grinding of the poor by the rich, because the curse of usury and its attendant horrors, of all which I have, during now twenty years, been the victim, may after Domat's time have increased so frightfully as to necessitate the revival of the ordinance; and its revival would produce no effect unless it were enforced.

As a reason for its application here, I would refer to a well known fact. France is peopled by a homogeneous population, professing one religion, speaking one language, and the influence of more or less of charity, of sympathy, must be felt in every circle. Our society is composed, on the contrary, of heterogeneous materials. We have English, Scotch, Welsh, Irish, many German, French, and Yankee immigrants, contending in the same walks of life with natives of French descent and of English descent, and very prodigally manifesting their dislike or their contempt for both. Now, I am simply a native Canadian, and Brown, my enemy and my neighbor, whose property would certainly be very nicely rounded off "by mine" if he could get it, is a recently imported European. A single fact will prove how utterly devoid of charity he has been in his intercourse with me.

In the case in question *he has admitted*, and *eleven judgments pronounced in actions brought by himself* against me prove, that I am the proprietor of the ground which he covets as Ahab coveted Naboth's vineyard, and which he has since September 1852 been attempting to wrest from me. Among other means to effect his purpose, he has resorted to the buying up of my debts—a *fact which he has admitted on oath*. But that is not all. I have proved, to the evident conviction of the Jury, that he declared, should he die before he effected