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ANSWER OF THE BOARD OF TRADE ¹

to the petition of Stephen Landry & other Acadians (several hundred souls) from Pennsylvania and Maryland praying to be permitted to return to Nova Scotia or to be allowed settlements in the province of Quebec.

Positive refusal.

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A PRIVATE ANECDOTE. ²

And^w Brown.

On every appearance of a public discussion of the events of the war of 1756, so far as related to the province of Nova Scotia, the old servants of Government manifested their apprehensions and disquietude : and particularly when the case of the Acadians was mentioned. When the translation of Raynal's history first arrived in the province, the article Nova Scotia was inserted intire in one of the Newspapers, for the information and entertainment of the inhabitants. An alarm was taken by M^r Bulkeley and Judge Deschamps : the publication was considered as a personal injury ; and an answer or refutation was immediately agreed upon between them. It was given, with great ostentation in some of the following Newspapers ; which were put into my hands by the Judge as a complete and satisfactory vindication of that measure.

When Mess^{rs} Cochran & Howe began their Magazine in 1789, not aware of the soreness of these people on the subject they republished the offensive piece. M^r Bulkeley & Judge Deschamps complained, and were as displeased as if it had been a personal attack. An answer, as formerly, was resolved upon. At that time I had the above mentioned Newspapers ; and one morning long before 7 o'clock, I was roused by a serv^t with a Card from Judge Deschamps requesting, in a very urgent man-

1. *British Museum.* — Add. MSS. 19073. Fol 68.

2. *British Museum.* — Brown MSS. Add. 19073. Fol. 112.
In D^r Brown's handwriting. (*Note du copiste.*)

ner, that I would deliver to him the papers and all other Documents he had given me relative to the subject.

By the aid of these the following paper was drawn up, which as I understood was sent to the printing office in the hand writing of M^r Bulkeley. As it was not M^r Cochran's wish to create any enemies, (& indeed his situation at the time would not admit of it) He prefaced M^r Bulkeley's paper with the softening paragraph enclosed in the Parenthesis ; and without having traced the Evidence intimated a suspicion of Raynals fidelity. — Tho' I can take upon me, from a painful examination of the whole matter, to assert that Raynal neither knew nor suspected the tenth part of the distresses of the Acadians — & that excepting the massacre of S^t Bartholomew, I know of no act equally reprehensible as the Acadian removal that can be laid to the charge of the French nation. In their Colonies nothing was ever done, that at all approaches to it in cruelty and atrociousness.

Saturday Aug^t 13th 1791. ¹

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LETTRE DE M. MANACH ²

4^e mars 1763.

Mon cher enfant

Je profite de la premiere voie qui se presente après la signature du traité définitif de la paix pour vous demander de vos nouvelles et vous donner des miennes. Ma lettre vous parviendra-t-elle ? et serai-je assez fortuné pour en recevoir la reponse ? C'est ce que j'ignore : quoiqu'il en soit je me reprocherois a jamais de ne m'estre pas servi de cette occasion, comme je me propose de faire de toutes les autres, si je venois à être privé de cette consolation. En tout cas vous me marquerés si il échéoit

. 1. A printed paper entitled " The Case of the Acadians stated " follows this anecdote. (*Note du copiste.*)

2. *British Museum.* — Dr Brown's MSS. — Add. 19073. Fol. 136.

M. Grosart, de qui le *British Museum* a acheté les MSS du Dr Brown, fait précéder ce document de la note suivante :

" N^o 59. Precious original Letter of the ever to be remembered Manach. . . See N^o 42 × concerning him. — Priest to the Acadians at the period of the Removal."

× N^o 42. Governqr Wilmot's despatch of 10th Dec^r 1763. In print. (*Note du copiste.*)