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The Academy being placed in the centre of a fertile tract of country - and surrounded by wealthy & independent inhabitants - the Indians could not fail to observe their manners and to profit by comparing the comfortable effects of the industry of the white people - with the miserable consequences of their own indolence & folly.

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The Savages who possessed this province before our arrival obtained as good a living as Savages, with for in any country. The River ^{& the other great rivers} St. John, & its branches, ~~afforded~~ ^{afforded} the most favorable situations for hunting, and the islands of ~~inland~~ ^{interior} offered the most tempting & delightful spots for temporary residence and for the cultivation of Indian Corn - which was the principal objects of their attention. The waters of those rivers ~~furnished~~ ^{gave} an easy communication to the Sea Coast where they were always sure of a ready market for their furs & other commodities, and where they could always procure Rum and such other luxuries as they wanted. Besides the Savages there were scattered about in different parts of the province a number of Acadians who had escaped from the other side of the Bay of Fundy where the French inhabitants were formerly removed from Nova Scotia after the conquest of that Country by the English. These people whose immediate ancestors had suffered what to them appeared like the most unmerited persecution & oppression from the British Government. occupied some of the most fertile tracts on the River St. John's & in other parts of the province - Embittered by the recollection of their past sufferings they were rejoiced at any opportunity of shewing their enmity to the British Government and during the war with America their conduct ~~was~~ ^{evinced} ~~from a disposition to favor~~ ^{from a disposition to favor} the American Cause. In point of civilization they were only one degree above the Savages and they ~~lived~~ ^{Acadians & Indians lived} together in constant habits of intimacy & familiarity. From them they were inspired with sentiments of aversion to the British nation - and by them they were induced to engage as far as they dared in the service of the Americans. The