

" That if the Grants might be confirmed,
 " such confirmation should not be pla-
 " ced in prejudice of the King's rights
 " to the country contiguous to the river
 " St. Lawrence, which, by the Royal pro-
 " clamation, makes a part of the Canadian
 " Government. I hope that the General
 " Court will not think that I have herein
 " departed from, or mistaken their in-
 " terest. It appeared to me that the Duke
 " of York's original patent extended to
 " the river of Canada, northward; yet
 " that that was mentioned rather to
 " preserve the national claim, than
 " as intended by the Crown to be of force
 " against itself; That a country which
 " lies so remote, and whose rivers
 " run still farther from you into
 " that of St. Lawrence, could neither
 " be settled nor retained by you;
 " That

" That the obtaining a confirmation of
 " the lands you claim, upon a con-
 " sideration given, renders the Crown
 " acknowledgement of your title so-
 " much the more solemn and irrevocable,
 " and that the province hereby gained
 " a merit with the Crown at no real
 " expence of its own. —

" In this whole affair, Mr Jackson
 " and I have acted in concert, but
 " as the Grants were sent to him, he
 " will ^{write} to you more particularly ^{up} on
 " the subject. "

" I am with the highest respect
 " To the Great and General Court

" Sir,

" Your most obed. Humble serv.

" Jasper Mauduit, "