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A straightforward and admirable account of the attempt to separate Canada from British allegiance, first by persuasion

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