

## 1777 Map, Canadian-United States Border

### Why is Article XI included in the Articles of Confederation?

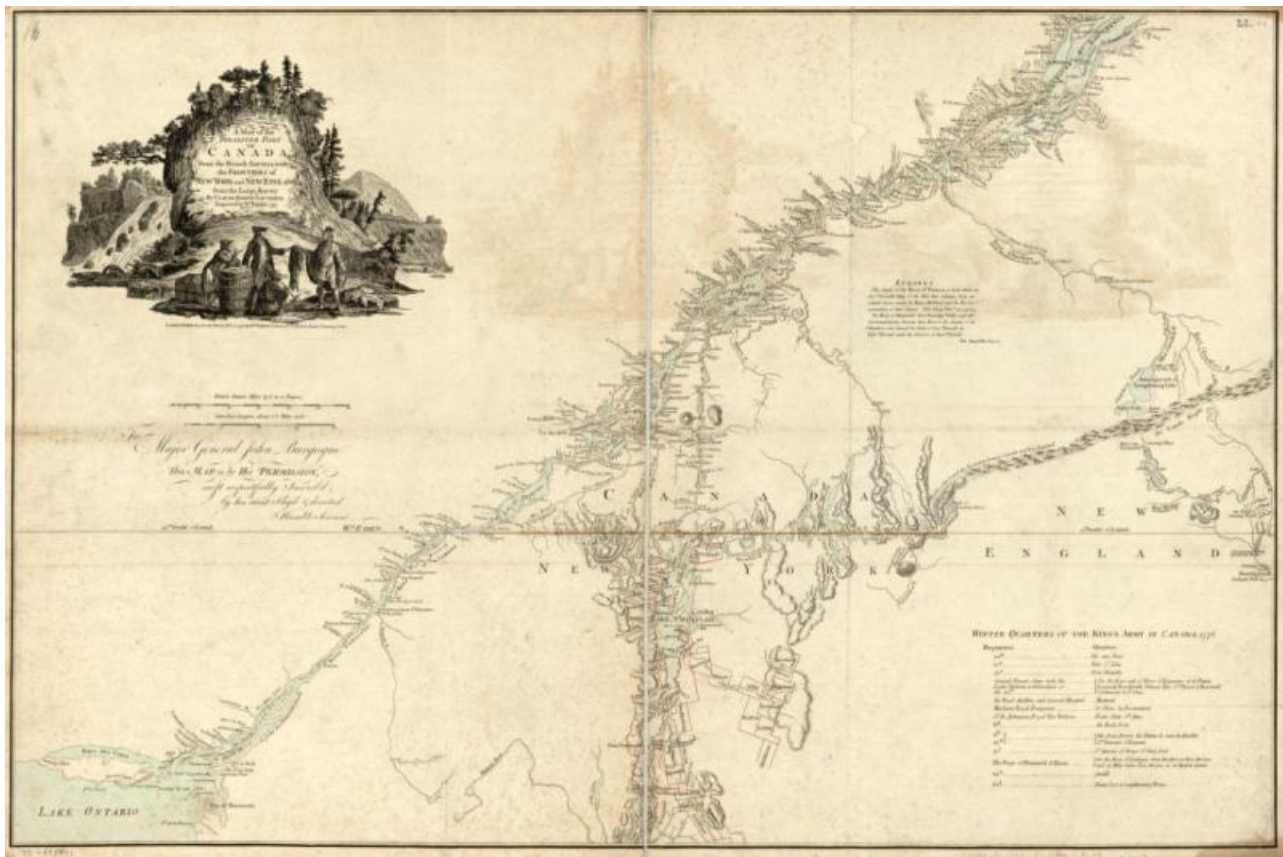
*"Canada acceding to this confederation, and adjoining in the measures of the United States, shall be admitted into, and entitled to all the advantages of this Union; but no other colony shall be admitted into the same, unless such admission be agreed to by nine States."* (Article XI)

Congress included a provision in the Articles of Confederation that would allow Canada to join the United States, should they choose to leave the British Empire. One might imagine that the close proximity of borders (as shown on this map from 1777) would have enticed the Canadian province to reject British rule and to unite with the colonies. However, most French Canadians distrusted the United States as it had a history of trying to conquer Canada and was known to insult Catholicism (the primary religion of French Canadians) and belittle the culture of Canadians.

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This map published in 1777 shows the Canadian-United States border from Lake Ontario along the St. Lawrence River to 45° N. latitude, east to the Connecticut River, and northeast along the "Height of the land." Coverage of areas away from the boundary is focused upon the southern portion of Quebec and the northern portion of New York State, including a portion of the area which later became Vermont. Inscribed "To Major General John Burgoyne." Includes list of "Winter quarters of the King's Army in Canada, 1776." Use this link to access an expandable version of this map.



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