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# The Newberry Library Conservation Treatment Report

ItemID: 359

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<b>Call Number:</b> Ayer MS 748	<b>Conservator:</b> Sarah Norris
<b>Title:</b> Tableau de toutes les seigneuries...	<b>Contact Person:</b> Bob Karrow
<b>Author:</b> New France	<b>Date Examined:</b> 10/2/2008
<b>Publication Date:</b> 1760	<b>Date Returned:</b> 11/24/2008

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<b><u>Selection method:</u></b> general	<b><u>Format:</u></b> manuscript	<b><u>Housing:</u></b> Portfolio case
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### **Media:**

The document is handwritten, black iron gall ink over blue and red ruling lines.

**Support:**        **H** 135 cm   **W** 148 cm   **D**

The manuscript is on multiple pieces of thick, handmade, cream-colored, laid paper. Sheets were adhered together before use, perhaps with an animal glue.

**Binding:**        **H** 54.3 cm   **W** 43.1 cm   **D** 1.5 cm

The portfolio case and inner folds are covered in brown buckram with a gold stamped label in thin, black goatskin. Inner doublures are made of a machine-made, tan-colored, laid paper.

### **Presence of Foreign Substances:**

### **Change in Appearance:**

The item is in poor condition.

### **Structural Changes:**

The large single manuscript is torn into eight large pieces. The paper displays significant surface grime on the recto and verso. More tearing appears at the edges.

### **Treatment Completed:**

In consultation with the curator, it was decided to mend the item into six pieces approximately 68 x 49 cm in size to accommodate storage restrictions. The item was dry cleaned with eraser crumbs on recto and verso. The sections were deacidified with Bookkeeper spray to prepare for encapsulation. Spray deacidification removed the need for a buffer sheet, which would have covered information on the verso. Lining was avoided due to the thickness of the paper and the presence of significant remaining ground-in grime, so the item was mended with usumino tissue and wheat starch paste on the light table. The six sections were then encapsulated in mylar. The final dimensions of the whole item are approximately 136 x 146 cm.

### **Housing Completed:**

Because the item is catalogued as a book, a folder could not be used for housing. Instead, a modified portfolio case was built consisting of a cased-in four-flap wrapper.

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<b>Examination, Documentation, and Treatment:</b>	11
<b>Housing or Mounting:</b>	4
<b>Total Treatment hours:</b>	15