DAVID ORENSTEIN, Toronto 'Greenwich? Ca n'importe. Où est PARIS?' A local post-Conquest eclipse-based longitude calculation at Quebec

One of the teaching fathers at the Séminaire de Québec observed the October 27, 1780, solar eclipse. In an unsigned manuscript attributed to Thomas-Laurent Bédard, superior of the Séminaire, he followed the methods of Lalande's ASTRONOMIE, using the copy from the seminary's library, still on site in the archive. From this detailed observation he calculated the longitude of Quebec relative to Paris, not Greenwich, England, despite the British Conquest.