

Robert J. Miller, *DISCOVERING INDIGENOUS LANDS: THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY IN THE ENGLISH COLONIES*

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This book presents new material and shines fresh light on the under-explored historical and legal evidence about the international legal principle known as the doctrine of discovery used when England colonized Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. This doctrine was justified by religious and ethnocentric ideas of European and Christian superiority over the indigenous cultures and races. The doctrine provided that newly-arrived Europeans automatically acquired property rights and gained political and commercial rights over native inhabitants. This book provides a unique insight into the insidious historical and contemporary application of the doctrine of discovery.