

would have had to send to Louysiana, to carry over all required for the subsistence of the troops; but there was a more natural way of saving this, or rather of meeting this expense by the freight, which the vessel would be sure to find at Saint Domingo. 1716-36.

This would only require the fitting out of a 170 ton frigate every year, or one of those two decked English galleys, which, for all their having a large hold, are still good sailers, and managed by a small crew, on account of the lightness of their movements. In fact, I say nothing here, except after a detailed memoir transmitted at the time to the minister by Mr. Duclou, who, as already noted, succeeded Mr. d'Artaguet in the office of Commissaire Ordonnateur in Louysiana, and who subsequently held the same office at Cap François in Saint Domingo, where he acted so well during the troubles that occurred in that colony in 1723, and who was soon after appointed Intendant of the Leeward Isles.

Crozat saw the damage which his monopoly did to the King's interests sooner than he did the injury he inflicted on the people of Louysiana. This obliged him to make new propositions to his majesty on the 5th of July, 1714, with the view of enabling the officers, soldiers and other employees, whom the King maintained in the colony, to receive their pay more promptly, as well as consignments of goods and munitions, either for public works, or for keeping up the forts, or for the presents annually made to the Indians, and the propositions were accepted. He had some months previously presented other memoirs full of complaints on various topics, and which disclose the fact that great complaints were made in Louysiana against his monopoly.

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complaints.

His complaints were: 1. That the weakness of the French in that colony drew on them the contempt of the Indians, and left them unable to prevent those savages from constantly making war on each other, the result of which was, that it was impossible to establish any kind of trade in the country, nor consequently to send ships from