

rather than make up their minds to leave it, to the best conditions that they can with the English. The latter, by presents still more valuable than those that we could offer these Savages, will soon succeed in winning them—above all, by making them understand, as they will not fail to do, that France has not cared for them except when she has had need of them; and that now, since it is to her interest not to embroil herself with England, she refuses to enter into their quarrel with the English. This reasoning is within the range of the Savages, and the proof of it would be too plain for them not to yield thereto. It must be added that the Savages derive greater profits from their commerce with the English, who *give more* [buy more high-priced] Peltries, and who sell their merchandise for less than do the French.

But If, on the contrary, the Court act effectually to place Matters upon their former footing, and to stop the usurpations of the English, the *Savages* [Abnaquis], coming to hear of this, will become more and more attached to France, [and will not think of leaving their country; and in this way the safety of Canada will be thoroughly provided for]. The Knowledge which fifteen whole years *since I came* [passed with them] has given me of their *habits* [customs] and of their character does not permit me to doubt that the best way in which to fix and even render perpetual this attachment, is to increase [to the three villages which are near the English] the annual gratuity that *is* the Court gives them; and to give to *each one of* the five *villages* a Royal medal, which will be, as it were, a constant and indubitable promise, *by which* which will ever tell them that the King continues to honor them by his Royal Protection.