

Decree of the Royal Council concerning the
Jesuit Establishment at Montreal.

THE *Jesuit Fathers in Canada* Represent that the Québec College has founded and maintained for about 30 years, at its own expense, a small Establishment at Montreal, to serve as a resting-place for the Missionaries, who are continually called thither by the King's service and the spiritual welfare of their savages. The Quebec College is no longer in a position to bear this expense; its revenues in France are diminished by more than three-fourths, in consequence of the repayments ordered by the King. As its property is liable for such repayments, it has already been obliged to dispose of its funds for the support of the Missions; and, as for this small Establishment, which is so necessary even for the King's service, it has only a small allowance of 150 livres for its maintenance. This leads them to beg that the allowance may be increased, in order to relieve them of a slight portion of the expenses which they are compelled to incur for feeding the Missionaries who are continually obliged to pass through that town,—either by order of the Governors, who very frequently call them thither, or in order to reach their Missions; there are 4 or 5 at a time who are often obliged to remain there for entire months. An allowance of one thousand livres per annum would not suffice to pay one-half of the Expense.