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MEMOIRE OF THE KING TO THE SIEURS VAUDREUIL AND BEGON, GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND INTENDANT OF NEW FRANCE, JUNE 19, 1722

"His Majesty has caused an account to be rendered of all the pretensions of the Sieur De La Mothe Cadillac, relating to Detroit, and they have been regulated by a decree of the 19th of the last month, of which the Sieurs Vaudreuil and Begon will find herewith the disposition.

"They will see that His Majesty ordered that the Sieur La Mothe Cadillac should enjoy all the rights which have been established upon the lands by him conceded at Detroit, with the exception of ten (10) livres, which has been fixed upon the said concessions for the privilege of trade. The intention is, that the traffic belongs to the Commandant of the Post, and that in return he should be charged with all the expense of said Post, both in relation to the officers and soldiers who shall be in garrison there. To them there will only be paid by His Majesty, their equipments and [not legible, apparently *la solde*—pay] at Montreal, and the clothing of said soldiers, delivered at the magazines of said city.

"That he may be charged with presents which it may be necessary to make to the Indians without His Majesty being obliged to connect himself with the account in any manner whatever.

"His Majesty includes in the expense of officers and soldiers to be charged the Commandant, that of the Almoner, the Surgeon and the medicines necessary to the sick; also, the transportation of provisions and clothing for officers and men, and in the presents for Indians, a missionary, blacksmith, and armorer, who can also repair the arms of the troops. In short, His Majesty does not wish that this Post should be any expense to him.

"The Commandant will enjoy the privilege of trade no longer than he shall command the Post, and he shall not claim any