

They will abide, Monsieur, by all you shall be pleased to decide and to order. This is what we expect from you—great equity, high clemency, and good justice.

(Signed,)

CHESNY,

LENRI CAMPAU,

DE MARSAC,

JEAN BINEAU,

PIERRE REAUME,

PICARD,

ROUBIDOU,

OLIVIER LA DEVOUTE,

DE GAUDEFROY,

And others who make their marks."

[NOTE—What the effect of this dolorous appeal was upon the Intendant, does not appear. The reply of Gatineau, and also of M. De Tonty, defending themselves before his honor in person, are among the papers, and will be given.]

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#### No. 9

REPLY OF GATINEAU TO THE PETITION OF THE INHABITANTS  
OF DETROIT TO THE INTENDANT OF NEW FRANCE, DATED  
OCTOBER 21, 1726

Louis Gatineau, for himself and in the name of Francois La Marque, Chiery, Nolan and Joseph Gouin, associated in the trade and commerce of Detroit, and the request of the inhabitants of said post, of the 21st of October last, made before the Intendant.

The respondents have been confirmed by Monsieur De Tonty in the exclusive trade of said post, to be enjoyed in the same manner as M. De Tonty himself might do. M. De Tonty has, by concession of the King, the exclusive privilege of trade of said post, in consideration of the expense which he is obliged to meet for the support of the Fort, a missionary, a surgeon, for presents to the Indians, and the transportation of provisions and clothing for the soldiers of the garrison.

In consequence of this privilege, the inhabitants of Detroit have no right to deal with the savages, at least without the permission of M. De Tonty—they cannot bring to the post