

malapropos that they are deprived of their business. By the agreement which was made with the *Sieur De La Marque*, for the prosecution of the commerce of said post, although in consequence of the *memoire* of the King to Messrs. the Marquis De Vaudreuil and Begon, it is the intention of his Majesty that all trade belongs to the Commandant, he being charged with the expense, declaring that the King does not wish to be at any cost for this post, not that the inhabitants, by reason of concessions, should enjoy the right to trade, except in articles, the product of their lands, which may be easily verified, Monsieur, by the King's *memoire*, although, I say by this *memoire*, the exclusive trade is granted to the Commandant, this remonstrant has thought it prudent to include in the list of traffic allowed to the inhabitants, that of their own necessities.

For that purpose they were assembled at Father Bonaventura's, the missionary, and *Sieur Linclot*, the officer of the garrison, when, after having read the *memoire* of the King, we said to them that although it granted to the remonstrant the exclusive trade, he was willing to give them relief and to allow them the means of support at the Post by admitting them all to its trade, granting permission to purchase presents for trade with the savages, and to those who were not able to go to Montreal, a canoe for a party of five or six to seek there necessities for their families.

How, Monsieur, can the inhabitants complain, since I granted them the same liberty they had before of trade with the Indians?

The remonstrant will always be ready to give permits to inhabitants of the place who shall demand them, unless the *Sieur La Marque* shall object to it, (a dubious phrase omitted here,) or he will furnish them on the spot the goods they have need of, both for necessities and traffic, at ten (10) per cent. for the expense of transportation.

These people have undertaken to surprise your equity in