

Fourth Article.—He shall not permit any trader nor hired man to absent himself without permission, and shall not permit any hired men to go off hunting without seeing them when they start. He shall see that they do not carry any goods to interfere with the trade of others; this is on the supposition that the Indians do not bring any provisions themselves for your supply. He will take every precaution necessary to avoid the abuses which creep in; rendering me an account of all such abuses, and punishing by a good fine those who shall commit such frauds.

Fifth Article.—Having been further informed that a number of hired men were libertines in their intercourse with the squaws; and being desirous to remedy an abuse so prejudicial, we order Mr. De Langlade to take every care that the master (bourgeois) of each hired man give me the names of such guilty ones on their return, in order that a public example may be made of them.

Mr. De Langlade will take all necessary precautions to prevent the Indians of St. Joseph from inducing any portion of our hired men from going to the country of the Illinois, or other place, which might be prejudicial to our interest, in view of the want which we might have for the men in the spring.

We enjoin him to encourage them (the Indians) to come and listen to my words, which will be the sentiments of their father Onontio [the Governor of Canada].

We enjoin him, moreover, to give information to the gentleman in command at St. Joseph, of the difficulties which might arise between his nation and mine—to give him correct information of such things as he might be ignorant of, or in which he might be deceived by the people in his employ.

We rely upon the vigilance and exactitude of capacity of Mr. Langlade for the discipline of the men under his command. We give him power to act in the place in matters which I cannot foresee, and in all cases for the good of the service, being always careful to act in such manner that no reproach or complaint be made to me on your account, under penalty of the punishment inflicted by the ordinances.

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[SEAL.]

Made at MICHILIMACKINAC, 15th October, 1755.