

It would further be necessary to forbid those who will settle in that country receiving any beaver either directly or indirectly, or going to trade for any to the Indian nations, permitting them only to trade in Buffalo skins and other articles that can be procured on that continent. This, in my opinion, is the means to prevent the lawless people of this country disbanding themselves, and to maintain it by the fur trade of which it has been in possession since its first foundation.

Since the King has had reason for endeavoring to settle the Mississippi, though the mouth of that river be completely obstructed by a bar which prevents the entrance of vessels, there being only 8 or 10 feet of water on it, I consider for the advantage of his service that it is highly important to maintain that post, because the neighboring Spaniards and English would not fail, were it abandoned, to seize it by means of small craft, one of which has already made its appearance, and by their own exertions and those of the Coureurs de bois draw to themselves the trade of that country, without our being able to prevent it, which would be attended with an inevitable loss.

I have reprimanded the Outaouacs Chiefs who have been down here, for having been to war against the Sioux, notwithstanding my having forbid them last year; and I recommended to them, as well as to Father Anjalran and Sieur de Courtemanche, to do all in their power to prevent the continuance of those hostilities between them, which appear to me to have reached a great height, the Sioux having swept off, last spring, a Village of the Miamis. It will be very difficult to arrange this, in consequence of the distance of those nations, who have no longer a Commandant to speak to them in my name.—*N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, ix, pp. 712, 713.

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move to and settle in the Colony which has been begun at the mouth of the Mississippi, with permission to vend their Beaver to the Company, with the express understanding that they would be prohibited pursuing that trade in future under severe penalties. His Majesty will not permit them even that of small peltry, but only that of hides of buffaloes and of other animals from which they can be procured." See *N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, ix, pp. 721, 735.—Ed.