

Sieur de Louvigny has been punished for that, and his Majesty desires that you cause Sieur Vincennes to be severely punished, he having carried on an open and undisguised trade. It is averred that, in place of having had him punished, the man named Neveu has been confined in a dungeon six months for having given information regarding this trade.

It is, also, alleged that Arnauld, Sieur de Lobiniere's son-in-law, has been sent to the Outaouacs with other Frenchmen and three canoes; and that the impunity of this man excites considerable murmurs, and authorizes the licentiousness of those who are inclined to range the woods. I will believe that all this is done without your participation, but it is not allowable in you, occupying the post you do, to be ignorant of it; still less, not to punish it when you are cognizant of it. I will tell you plainly, that if you are not more absolute in the execution of the King's orders, and more severe in the punishment of acts of disobedience, I shall not guarantee to you that his Majesty would be willing to allow you to occupy for any length of time your present post.

I must tell you likewise, that a species of weakness has been apparent in your conduct at Montreal, at the time of the riots which broke out there. You ought to have made severe examples on the spot of some of the most mutinous, and you would have thereby avoided the second difficulty and perhaps those which possibly will hereafter occur. I am persuaded that you thought it better to employ mildness on such an occasion when a severe beginning is nevertheless always necessary as an example, reserving measures of mildness for subsequent events, and you ought to be very careful lest your mild proceedings be not attributed to weakness by the mutinous, and they be thereby encouraged to new movements.

I have no doubt of the truth of the information Sieur Jonquieres has given you respecting the intrigues of the English among the Iroquois. Continue to order him to occupy himself with breaking them up, and on your part, give the subject all the attention it deserves. It behooves you to pay the same attention to preventing the English seducing the Abenakis, the Indians of the Sault [St. Louis], those of the Mountain, those