

said Sieur de Vaudreuil has been desirous of having a man at that post entirely devoted to himself. He will inform himself of what has been done in that regard, and report whether the man removed from that office was as faithful as the said Sieur de la Motte pretends.

Sieur de Vaudreuil complains, on his side, that the said Sieur de la Motte, from interested motives, wishes it to be understood that he thwarts him in his establishment, in order to render him suspected; but that Sieur de la Motte's only aim is to carry on a trade with the English, and to realize the largest profit possible from his post for his own interest exclusively.

Mess^{rs} Vaudreuil and Raudot write conjointly that, if there be any abuse in the sale of Brandy among the Indians, it can only proceed from Sieur de la Motte who carried with him some 15 barrels of it, and a large quantity of powder. They likewise observe to me that his agent at Quebec has written to him who is at Montreal, to give clearances to all the canoes who would go up to Detroit on condition of carrying thither 300 livres' weight in Brandy to Sieur de la Motte; and that, finally, it appeared to them that said Sieur de la Motte had a desire to trade, because he carried only Brandy and powder. As his Majesty wishes absolutely to enforce the prohibitions he has issued against carrying on any trade in Brandy with the Indians, he orders Sieur d'Aigremont to verify very precisely the quantity of liquor Sieur de la Motte has carried up, and inform himself what use he made of it. This is the principal motive that induced his Majesty to send to Detroit. Therefore, he must direct all his attention to thoroughly clear up the fact, and to report fully thereupon.

He will proceed from fort Detroit to Missilimackinac in order to visit that quarter, and will inform himself of the number of French there, and the trade they carry on with the merchants of Montreal and Quebec; and finally, of all those who are interested in their trade. He will act in concert with the Missionaries on the spot respecting the conduct to be observed with the Outaouaks, and will take information of them as to the dispositions these Indians entertain towards the