

of the laws, regulations, and ordinances generally. I send his Majesty's orders accordingly to Mess^{rs} de Vaudreuil and Raudot. Give them what advice they will, in your opinion, need in the matter.

The reasons which have determined his Majesty thereto have been the prevalent dissipation of the beaver there for the benefit of the English, the introduction of their merchandise into the Colony, the difficulty of reconciling the interests and caprices of the different Tribes that were attempted to be introduced in that post, the great expense to be incurred for the support of the garrison, the difficulty of assisting that post should it happen to be attacked by the Iroquois, the bad quality of the soil, the disappearance of the animals which are objects of hunting, and the dispersion of the [Company of the] Colony of Canada.

The reasons you submit in opposition to those of Sieur de la Mothe, on his proposal to organize Indian Companies, have appeared very conclusive, and I, on the part of his Majesty, forbid him making any movement for that purpose.

Sieur de la Mothe pretends that he could at all times derive assistance from Montreal if he were attacked, by opening a communication from Lake Erié to Lake Ontario. He pretends that he knows the means. As you have passed over that route, let me know what appeared to you practicable.

You did well to acquaint me with what you learned respecting the rupture between the Outawas and Miamis. Sieur de la Mothe Cadillac's conduct towards the latter, does not appear blamable to me. On the contrary, it seems to me that he did what he could; and, provided these last keep their promise, to surrender to him those of them who killed and plundered the French, or to come and settle at Detroit, nothing but what is good and useful will result from what he has done. Let me know what you will learn respecting it. I am very glad to hear that the Interpreter at Detroit has been changed, and to receive assurances from you that the one appointed in his place behaves better. Report to me what you will learn of him.

I have perused what you write me concerning Missilimakinak. The reasons you give as to the necessity of preserving that post appear very good, and I shall pay attention to them. It is