

de Lignery under his orders. The first, My Lord, is well acquainted with the manners to be adopted for the government of those Indians; and I owe him this justice, that there is no one in the country who is better able to acquit himself herein than he. He has been greatly mortified this year because his Majesty has, as it were, forgotten him in the promotions he has made. He does not perform his duty any the less, and I reckon greatly on his influence and ability to collect the Indians together at Michilimakinac. Sieur de Lignery has not less merit; and, if he pass only a year or two with Sieur de Louvigny, will be quite conversant with the affairs of that country, and well qualified to command there in chief.—*N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, ix, pp. 848, 849.

---

1710: TRADING LICENSES, AND SALE OF BRANDY.

[Extract from letter of Sieur d'Aigremont to Count de Pontchartrain; dated Nov. 18, 1710.]

It is true, My Lord, that the reëstablishment of the licenses might have some bad effects, the most serious of which would be the debauchery and trade in Brandy among the Indians; but there is a means to prevent that, which would be, not to issue these licenses except for Michilimakinac alone, the commandant of which post could possess a through knowledge of the conduct of those who would go, and of all the effects they would carry for the Outaouis trade; and if any should be found with Brandy, he could confiscate it, and render an account to the Governor-general and the Intendant thereof, and of whatever else he should find them guilty, in order that they may be punished pursuant to the exigency of the cases. The commandant ought to be prohibited carrying on any trade except for his own support; for, if he be permitted so to do, he would find himself obliged to tolerate many things through the want he would have of this one and that for his private trade. And as it would not be just to send an Officer there without some