

fair of the Renards is settled; and it is in conformity with the wishes of His Majesty in regard to the reëstablishment of the licenses.

Whenever we shall be Able to give any of these, then the clause requiring trade to be limited to Michilimakinak or to Illinois without leave to go away from those posts, and specifying that it shall be carried on under the authority of those in command there, will be inserted in them; and we can also, in accordance with your orders, oblige those to whom They are granted to transport whatever has to be sent to those posts, without any cost to the King. *Sieur Begon* will sell these permits for the profit of his Majesty, and will have them accounted for by the Treasurer as extra receipts.

We have the honor to represent to you, *Monseigneur*, that permits for fifteen Canoes are not sufficient to furnish enough merchandise for the needs of the Savages in the upper country—especially at the present time, when the English are straining every nerve to become masters of the commerce of that country, and when the most efficacious means for arresting the course of their enterprises is to let a large number of Frenchmen go up with plenty of merchandise, in order that the Savages, finding it possible to trade with the French, may not negotiate with the English. This, *Monseigneur*, leads us to believe that it will be necessary for the King to grant permits for twenty-five Canoes at least, as fifteen would not suffice to employ the number of voyageurs in the Colony, who, having no avocation except this, would remain all their lives in the upper countries, refractory to the orders of the King, rather than abandon this sort of life; and, as it would be impossible to oblige them to come down, they would carry on all their trade with the English of Carolina.

*Sieur de la Perriere*, who came down from Michilimakinak to Montreal at the end of last month, and who was charged with letters from *Monsieur de Lignery*, has informed *Sieur de Ramezay* that about 100 Frenchmen, who secretly went up to Michilimakinak two years ago, after consuming the wares of the merchants who had equipped them, went to the Thamarois on the Mississippi river, where 47 were already established. He