

latter answered *Sieur de Ramesay* that he would make known to the Merchants of orange his resolution to oppose this enterprise; and that he would write to them that he had good grounds for confiscating the wares of those who should go to that village, because, as it is North of the Lake, they ought not to go there until the boundaries shall have been adjusted. It is for this reason that *Sieur de Ramesay* has given orders to *Sieur de Sabrevois* and to *Sieur de Maunoir*, his son, to plunder the English whom they might find in the upper country.

We have the honor to Send you, *Monseigneur*, a memoir, according to your orders, which contains only these same reasons for annulling the prohibition of the Brandy trade. The reasons for not annulling this prohibition were furnished last Year to *Sieur Begon* by *Father Aubry*,<sup>1</sup> whose letter was enclosed with the one that he had the honor to write to you by the [ship] "*St. Jérôme*."

He has the honor to send you a Duplicate.

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The ship "*la princesse*" has brought hither, *Monseigneur*, 35,000 pounds of powder, with which we were Entirely unprovided. It is an indispensable necessity that as much more be brought here next year. The other munitions brought in this ship, for the Account of the King, will avail us but little, in view of the present State of the country and of the indispensable outlays we have been obliged to make this year for our operations in the upper country; and for the presents which have been taken to the Iroquois by *Monsieur de Longueil* and *Sieur de Joncaire*, as well as for all those that have been made to the missions of this country, of acadia, to the *Abenakis*, and to others. We can not as yet dispense with keeping these up next year, both for *Michilimakinak*, according to the memorial which will be presented by *Monsieur de Louvigny*, and for all the other savages—whom we cannot altogether abandon,

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<sup>1</sup>*Joseph Aubry* (*Aubry*) was a missionary among the *Abenakis* from 1701 until 1755—after 1708, at the mission colony of *St. François, Que.* He was an able linguist, and wrote numerous MSS. in the *Abenaki* tongue; these were unfortunately destroyed by fire. *Aubry* died in 1755.—Ed.