

the descent of the disaffected French from the upper country, or rather their abandonment of it; and an Extraordinary abundance of rich and valuable peltries, of which we have never Seen so great a quantity in Canada, with a great deal of fat Beaver. Thanks to my care and pains last year to make known our wishes to the nations, and to Induce them to make Robes, there is every reason to believe that there will be still more peltries next year.

And in order carefully to preserve this Trade with the savage nations, Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil has Established posts related to one another, in conformity with A plan which I took the liberty to present to him; and I believe, Monseigneur, that this will be the surest means of Keeping all these nations loyal to the King, and of diverting them from the Foreign Ideas which they have.

I believe that it would be expedient that Our Lords of the Council should name a person of authority to go, at least every two years, to Examine all the posts and to make a Tour of them, to see what is occurring there, and to remedy any disorders arising, so as to inform our Lords of the Council and Monsieur the governor-general on his Return.

My proposition is not without foundation, and it would have good results; but I believe it would be necessary to honor this officer with a brevet of Commandant-general in the countries where the French trade, so as to Avoid all Altercation with the Commandants of those posts.

If Our Lords of the council judge me capable of this Employment, I will undertake it with pleasure, since I seek no other glory than that of sacrificing my life in the service of His Majesty, and of making known to Your Serene Highness the profound respect with which I have the honor to Be, etc.

[Endorsed: "Canada. Monsieur de Louvigny, at Quebec, Oct. 1, 1717. The original has been returned to H. R. H."]