

for the murderer except the risk of meeting The same fate. Through this fear they disband and quit their Villages to settle elsewhere in families, for fear of being killed by the relatives of those whom they have slain. They no longer recognize any Chiefs, or any subordination; and they are all Furious and frantic in their intoxication, since when they can not stab one another, and when their weapons have been taken from them, they bite off one another's ears and noses. Such, My Lords, is a Picture of the effects of brandy among them, whence it is easy to judge how little order or reason there is among people who are in a state of Perpetual intoxication.

I am persuaded that there will be difficulty at first in this absolute prohibition; but great evils call for powerful remedies, and the Savages, If they can again taste the sweets of tranquillity, Know that they Will live in greater comfort, and will no longer have their minds filled with the ideas of revenge which torment them, and which they revive in their intoxication. They will Become more tractable, and more submissive to the French; and will devote themselves to procuring good furs, and will listen to the advice of the Commandants. This Conversion can not be brought about without threats on their part of going to the English to get brandy, for the drunkards will not easily be cured of the desire for drink.

The threats of the Savages to go among the English are often made to avoid paying their debts. The greed of the French Traders Leads them to lend easily, and more than the Savages can pay; that gives rise to quarrels, and leads the French to Run after their debts, and to pass the winter in the woods and to fix their abode in the upper country, which renders them undisciplined and like the Savages. Accordingly, to secure order, I think it ought to be forbidden to the French to lend Cloths; but that they should be allowed to lend powder and shot only, to enable the savages to hunt and subsist. They should also be forbidden to pass the winter stealthily in the woods, roaming about with the Savages; but should remain at the posts designated in their Licenses—since it is not for the Savages to keep the French in order; but it is for Us, who ought to be law-abiding, to bring the savages to be so by the persuasion