

ishment—either confiscation to the Royal domain of the Property and Estates of those Violating the law, or some other Severe penalty which will reduce to submission the Coureurs de bois, who trust To the nearness of the English. For my part, I deem that it is better in a Colony to have fewer subjects and obedient ones, than to have a great number without law or order. A single example would render the others more Discreet in future.

If the Licenses are too numerous, you might, My Lords, allow a reduced number, instead of the 24 that were granted. Even if there were only twelve or sixteen, they would be worth more money; and it will amount to the same thing for the persons who get any profit from them, and the traders will do better business; for to Suppress them altogether would at once bewilder the Savages and give them a good reason for seeking their necessary supplies elsewhere. It would also furnish free entry for Strangers into the whole upper country, to which they are already inclined by the invitations that they get every year.

If Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil and Monsieur Begon furnish me the means for making this journey and all the necessary movements, I hope to inform you, My Lords, fully and truly concerning all the posts established among the Nations dependent on this Colony, and to merit by the truthfulness of all my respectful observations the honor of your protection.

LOUVIGNY.

QUEBEC, Oct. 15, 1720.

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1720: EXPENSES FOR INSPECTING THE UPPER POSTS.

[Letter of Louvigny to the Council; dated Oct. 19, 1720. Source, same as preceding documents, but fol. 237.]

MY LORDS, Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil has told me of the order which he has transmitted to me as Commandant of the upper country, and has said that he had no funds to enable me to make this journey, as it should be made with Suitable