

that it would be only Just to allow the sale of the brandy remaining at the store, before abolishing that traffic.

The next winter, La Mallet, having formed the design of going down with her family, begged me urgently to allow her to give the brandy which remained to her children, desiring, as she said, to give them a start. I opposed this formally, doing my best to induce her to remain—going So far as to tell her, as well as her husband, that whoever leaves his Country loses it. But as they had quite decided to abandon the business, she begged me so many times that I granted her request. As she had owed me some money since the preceding year, she paid me in the spring, through this transfer of brandy to her children, and redeemed her note. Therefore it is not I who have sold the brandy to Antaya, as he has the effrontery to tell you, Monsieur; but it is rather his mother, whose debt he has paid. Nevertheless, this imposter, as well as she, has had the audacity to deceive you. Moreover, this brandy was not mine; it belonged to some private individuals, as is shown by the Enclosed certificate of Monsieur de l'Ivetot who made the seizure.

Pelotte and la Janvrie had already been in possession of the official store for some time, when the order for suppressing the sale of brandy arrived. To make this abolition known to the Savages, it was prudent to take the brandy away Until the orders of the King were communicated in a council held for that purpose. It is true that some difficulties were raised as to taking it back; for they claimed that, now that it could no longer be sold to the Savages, it would remain a long time on their hands. I took this under consideration and made a reduction of an écu a pot on what remained, with which they were very well satisfied. This agreement made with them ought to have restrained them, and hindered them from selling brandy to the Savages—as they have done, in order to get rid of it more quickly.

Antaya has had no reason for going to Law in this matter, nor has the merchant who supplied him any reason for blaming me, since I have sold nothing to him—he has merely paid for his mother what she owed me; and if I have reduced the