

1723: INTERTRIBAL AFFAIRS; LICENSES FOR FUR TRADE;  
THEIR SUPPRESSION.

[Letter from Governor Vaudreuil to the Minister; dated Oct. 11, 1723. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark. "Canada, Corres. gén., vol. 45, c. 11, fol. 146."]

I have received the letter which You did me The honor of writing May 25th last, regarding The Information you had received concerning various affairs, in which you state that it may be inferred that I do not regard matters concerning the government of Louisianna As having any claim on my help and aid; that I do nothing to prevent The wars that may arise among the nations dependent on me; and that I grant permits to the coureurs de bois. I confess, Monseigneur, that it is very disagreeable for me to see that everything that is written About me is believed, even when the statements advanced are Far from being true.

I shall try to Explain these facts so that it will appear that the author of the letter in which they were reported was very badly informed. I Begin therefore with the statement in regard to the nations, who, it is pretended, desired to assemble, but were prevented by Sieur de Linctot, the Commandant at Detroit, during the absence of Monsieur De Tonty. I assure you that they expressed no other wish than that which I reported in my letter of Oct. 22nd of last year, and which induced them to make no hostile movement, as I reported in the statement which I had the honor of sending you on the 2nd of this month. It is true that in the absence of Sieur De tonty, in the month of May, last year, a Pontouatami savage from the St. Joseph River brought to Detroit 24 Calumets from Pennetacoton, a Saki Chief, to induce the 4 nations of Detroit to go instantly to attack the Renards. But Sieur Linctot having assembled Them to learn What they wished to do in regard to these Calumets, they replied: "We have always told you, my father, that we would not march against the Renards unless we Saw our father Onontio at our head. We still hold this same opinion, and we do not trust to what Pennetacoton announces to us." They added that they would