

privilege granted to the *Sieur de Tonty* only applies to Goods for the Fur-Trade. Why do they not go and get the other goods with the Corn And other fruits that they harvest?

If that be impossible, owing to The Enormous distance between the Places and the Inadequacy of their number, Is it not an advantage to them that some one should supply Himself with these goods, in order that they may Find them when Necessary; That some one should incur the expense and Run the risks?

Accordingly, it would only remain to Consider the question of the prices at which the goods should be Held; and Whether *Sieur de Tonty* or his sub-farmers have not taken Too great an advantage of the Impossibility or of the few Opportunities that the *Detroit Habitants* would find for going themselves to a distance to obtain what they need. Now that the habitants should be able to do so is impossible, and would even tend to Defeat the object of their establishment. In fact, how can it be possible that out of 28 or 30 *Habitants*, who are some two or Three hundred Leagues Distant from the towns of the Colony, a portion should detach themselves for the purpose of bringing provisions, Cloths, materials, and Implements to their Fellow-Habitants, and that they should purchase this merchandise with the mere products of their Farms—as they have been commanded to do, in order that they should not abandon Farming? How could they carry grain for the Distance of at least two Hundred leagues that separates *Detroit* from *Montreal*, and Across all the *Portages*, in order to provide themselves with Linens, Stuffs, and other Articles to bring back with Them? That is not possible. The Intention in this was, to allow them to Trade only between Themselves, in their own produce, in order to Encourage them to Settle at *Detroit*, where the Climate is the finest in *Canada*. This, nevertheless, they do not do. And we are Informed that those people carry on only the Commerce of the fur Trade, And will not be dependent on the *Commandant*.

The excessive Price of Corn in that Quarter shows how little progress has hitherto been made by that Settlement, and the little possibility that exists, on the *Habitants'* part, of procuring there for Themselves what they Need; we also see how Important it is that the few *Habitants* there should not be diverted from the Cultivation of the Soil.