

I have been shown invoices of Goods, as sold by Sieur de Tonty's People. They did not appear to me to be dear; and you will observe, Monseigneur, that the Detroit Habitants admit that the goods have been offered to them on fairly advantageous Terms; and that they merely say, in this respect, that the goods were offered to them at a Time when they could not take advantage of them.

I have not seen a person at Montreal who has corroborated their complaints; but since my departure from Montreal I have learned that Monsieur The Governor-General has relieved Sieur de Tonty of his Post, for reasons which he will most probably have given you.

Sieur de Tonty's farmers have since come to represent to me that they, as well as Sieur de Tonty, were Disturbed in the exercise of his privilege. They stated that they advanced supplies for the Post; and that, even if Sieur de Tonty had deserved to be relieved, owing to dereliction from duty, his Exclusive privilege should always remain Executory in the persons of his farmers—who have entered upon the undertaking on the faith of a privilege that was given by the King, and rests solely with the King. Notwithstanding this, permits have been given in virtue of this revocation, whereby as many as Five Canoes have been sent up, and their Trade has been Broken up. As Sieur de Tonty had been relieved, and this makes the case a more private one, I did not wish to take Cognizance of it.

I add to these notes a Duplicate of the answer that I have the honor to give to Your Despatch of July 23, 1726, a Copy of which Monsieur de Beauharnois sent me, but without informing me of the answer that he intended to give. The Distance that separated us from one another compelled me to Send you Separately the Information that I was able to Obtain in the Country respecting the Trade in Horses, which was mentioned in the despatch.

I shall conclude, Monseigneur, by asking from you the same Indulgence wherewith you have been pleased to encourage me. There Are an infinite number of cases in This Country, and they multiply daily. It is no easy task to Write them in so precise a manner as is Necessary for a Minister of Your penetra-