

Monsieur d' Aigremont, commissary-general; and of Monsieur de La Corne, lieutenant of the King, at Montreal—have settled and determined the articles of engagement demanded of the undersigned interested in the Sioux Company as follows, to wit:

*First Article.*—That the trade of the whole Sioux country shall be granted and permitted to the undersigned purely and simply for three entire and consecutive years to the exclusion of all others whomsoever, so that nobody shall be permitted to go or to send one or more canoes thither without the consent of the said Company. And if any person, of whatsoever quality or condition he may be, should go there to trade, the commanding officer shall be at liberty and is even ordered to have his goods confiscated and distributed in accordance with the orders we may deem advisable to give, and that one half of the goods so confiscated shall belong to the said Company.

That the said interested parties shall not trade nor hunt in the direction of Point Chagouamigon, elsewhere than in the hunting grounds whither the Sioux go, and that on the side of la Baye, they shall likewise go only in the Sioux hunting grounds, they shall not be permitted to trade on the Ouisconsin nor on the portage by which they must pass to reach the Sioux, which shall serve as the boundary for both territories.

*Second Article.*—That they shall not build forts nor houses equivalent to the same in the hunting grounds, but only in the place where the commanding officer shall establish his post.

*Third Article.*—That the said interested parties shall have permission to send up to the Sioux country during the next two years such number of canoes as they may deem advisable. Should the prospects of the profit to be gained in the trade become greater, in order to induce them to increase the quantity of goods and the number of canoes to be sent thither, the share at present owned by each of the associates shall be increased in the same proportion as general increase of the whole trade. Thus, if the trade which at present employs nine canoes should afterwards employ twelve, each one may increase what he had at the beginning by one fourth.

*Fourth Article.*—That at the expiration of three years they