

With regard to the Trade in Brandy with the Savages, His Majesty has approved of the act of the Sieurs de Beauharnois and Hocquart, last Summer, in repeating Giving Brandy to the Savages. the prohibitions on the Subject and in giving orders to the posts that liquor Be given to the Savages only with great Circumspection, and by making them Understand that, in such distribution, the French are actuated more by a desire to please than by their own inclinations. By acting in this Spirit, it will be possible to avoid the abuses that might occur In such Trade, and would lead His Majesty to prohibit it, were He not convinced that the Sieurs de Beauharnois and Hocquart are devoting to this matter all the attention he has recommended them to give.

Moreover, His Majesty has had the Order Examined that the Sieur Co-adjutor of Quebec¹ has issued on the Subject, and, from the report made to him thereon, He has Mandement concerning to Royal authority nor to public order. He brandy. nevertheless wishes him to observe that, in addition to the difficulty that will be experienced by those who are Far away in having recourse to the Bishop in the case he has reserved² for himself, the provisions of such an order may cause alarm to those who have charge of the Working of the posts on His Majesty's account, and who by His orders distribute Brandy to the Savages with all the discretion and circumspection that can be desired; Drawbacks in connection with the reserved case and it Is to be feared that, inasmuch as the reserved case prevents their approaching the Sacraments, it would degenerate

¹ Pierre Armand Dosquet, Sulpitian priest, first came to Canada in 1721, returned to Europe, and was consecrated at Rome, being thereupon appointed coadjutor of Monseigneur Mornay, the old bishop of Quebec. On the resignation of the latter, Dosquet became bishop in 1734.—ED.

² *Cas reserve* = Certain cases where the bishop alone or somebody specially deputed by him can grant absolution.—CRAWFORD LINDSAY.