

assistance and facilities to be granted those families for their Settlement.

The right to Trade that it is proposed to give the Residents at the Post in Preference to the voyageurs of Montreal Is a privilege those Residents have never asked. The number of permissions to go and Trade at Detroit is not absolutely limited and whenever those same Residents have applied for Permits these have always been granted them on the same footing as the voyageurs from Montreal. But to Further compel the Residents when they take out Licenses to have a certain number of arpents of land cleared and cultivated every year, would be to impose an additional burden on them and indirectly to give the preference of the Trade to the voyageurs from Montreal. We would Also observe that if it Be proper for the growth of the Post to send families there, it Is Equally important that such families Should devote themselves to the Cultivation of the land the produce whereof will enable them to procure what they need from the voyageurs of Montreal who will supply their wants.

Here is a fourth project, Monseigneur, which we consider approaches Your views the most closely, since there can be no question of an increase of the garrison.

In the present State of affairs the proceeds of the licenses granted amounts every year to the sum of 6650 livres on an average, including 500 livres paid by the two Gunsmiths, And 150 livres by private individuals who reside within the Inclosure of the fort. This sum of 6650 livres will, if you order it, be Employed in paying the expenses set forth in the annexed Statement wherein Is Included a sum of 3000 livres for the gratuity to be given the stationary Commandant; in consideration of that amount he shall be forbidden to carry on any Trade.

The cost of transporting the pay And uniforms of the Garrison is not included in the Statement and to meet that expense Monsieur de Beauharnois might grant 2 or 3 free permits to Voyageurs of Montreal who would undertake such transport.

It will also be Advisable to oblige the other Voyageurs or persons in Charge of Canoes to carry Each 150 pounds Weight of provisions, utensils or implements for the Commandant as is