

The Nations within the jurisdiction Of This Post. The number of Savages who Flock to it from all Sides; The Wealth Of its Trade, which Amounts to from 150 thousand to 200 thousand Livres of Furs per annum; And, Finally, Monseigneur, The Beauty of the Country, And the number of French Settlements, which I have Greatly increased within a year, all These Things deserve either that Your Grace Procure me from His Majesty a Commission of King's Lieutenant with a Cross of St Louis, or that You should honor with it him whom you may Deem more Capable than I of pushing The Settlement of this Post, for which Nevertheless I have neglected nothing the past year.

The state of abandonment into Which it had been Allowed to fall for seven or eight years by my predecessors called for a Remedy as prompt as that which I applied; And Monsiegnur will be informed that the fort, which is 500 paces in Length by 30 in Width, was open on all Sides, Without Bastions, watch-towers, or Platforms, and a Prey to Licentiousness And Brigandage.

I have had it Completely restored with Suitable fortifications, so that, Monseigneur, one is safe not Only from attack but also From License.

The People, although easy to restrain, Had, through lack of Correction, Imperceptibly fallen Into ignorance of The most Common Laws and then into Neglect of their duties, and, as impunity had too long favored disorder, insubordination would have gained the upper hand, had I not Found in the Hearts of the old Burgesses of This Town deep-Rooted Feelings of Probity and honor, supported by which I soon saw good faith return, with Police, Order, And Love for Agriculture, all of which had too long been banished from here. I caused the Town to be Extended last year and I Am About to do the same This Year.

The Tillage of the Soil is my Chief Object, convinced as I Am that it is the source of the Power and Wealth of States. To That end I beg you, Monseigneur, to allow me to Grant