

lands and to have the Deeds drawn up by the Notary Of the Locality.

The English have been coming For a Number Of years to corrupt the Savages Within the Sphere of This Post, and I **Have resolved** to have them pillaged. I will Begin by sending Them a Summons. I will not send anybody there empty-handed on account of the Savages but the equipment will be supplied by the traders.¹

The Trade of the Savages with The English has Greatly decreased within a year owing to the measures I have taken and which are succeeding. I have, Nevertheless, constantly refused to allow Brandy to be Sold to the Savages, and it is wrong to Fear that Such Conduct will detach them from Us. Far from It, Monseigneur, they have tendered me many thanks for this, and all The Chiefs of the Villages have given me their word not to return there. I gave medals yesterday to four Chiefs by order of Monsieur The General, and I took advantage of The occasion to close that road to them. Your Grace Will be more fully informed respecting This Change next year.

It was not a difficult matter to put a stop to the Trade between the French and The English by the medium of the Savages; they were tired of Being Robbed by the latter.

Monsieur The General Sent Monsieur The Chevalier de Beauharnois here to remove the hurons and take them to Montreal. They seemed to Wish It, but The inconstant Mind of the Savages leads me to Fear he will not succeed; he is still here. Thus, Monseigneur, if Your Grace will permit me to say so, it would have been Better to have sent me, in the shape of presents for them, What This proceeding will Cost. I would have awaited the proper time to make the Most of them, and, without Compromising the King's honor and Authority, I would have Sounded their Minds and gradually made arrangements for their migration, giving nothing except on a Certainty; Or Monsieur The General could have written me to send The

¹ Copyist's note: "This sentence is added between the lines in Monsieur De Noyan's handwriting."