

the orders of Messieurs the Marquis de Beauharnois, Governor General, And Hocquart, Intendant, have entered into the Following stipulations And Agreements with the Sieurs de Clignancourt, Moniere, And l'Echelle,<sup>1</sup> jointly and severally accepting, And one for all to Exploit the post of la Baye des Puants on the following Conditions. Namely:

*Article first.* The said Sieurs Clignancourt, Moniere, And l'Echelle shall Themselves or through their Engagés carry on the Exclusive Trade with the Savages and the French Settled throughout the whole Extent of the said post, to Wit: with the Puants, folles avoines, Renards, Sakis, And Scioux, Being careful to treat the latter with circumspection And to attract them as much as possible; The whole within The usual Limits And as Far as la Riviere a la Roche which will serve as a boundary in the event of the nations aforesaid going to winter there.

*Article 2nd.* The said farmers may Send to the said Post such number of Canoes and such quantity of goods as they may Deem necessary. With Regard to the Engagés, it is advisable, in order not to deprive the country of men, that they should take there In War time only those indispensably required, Being careful to obtain a License from Monsieur the General for every Canoe in the usual manner, which shall be endorsed by Monsieur The Intendant. To such Licenses shall be appended the Roll of the said Engagés accepted by Monsieur the General aforesaid. The Licenses and Rolls shall Afterward be Registered in the usual manner in the Office of the Jurisdiction of Montreal.

*Article 3rd.* The said farmers shall not load in their Canoes more than the quantity of four pots of Brandy for The use of Each Engagé during the Journey; they shall further be per-

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<sup>1</sup> For Louis Matthieu Damours, Sieur de Clignancourt, see *ante*, p. 34, note 1.

Jean Monier was born in France in 1718; emigrating to Canada, he established himself at Montreal, where he married in 1760.

Jean l'Echelle was born in France in 1716, and at the age of thirty-two married Marie Anne Decouagne at Montreal.—Ed.