

one-third of what the merchants of France and of the islands can get in Exchange for their Goods.

I have represented to you the drawbacks that might result from the proposed change. I think it would not be expedient to introduce any innovation in That respect, especially so long as Louisiana has for enemies savages frequenting the banks of the river.

I Beg You to be convinced that my Zeal for the good of the Service, added to my desire to justify by my actions the Confidence wherewith you have honored me, have guided my opinion on this Matter in which I think I should be less suspected of prejudice than any other.

I have the honor to be, with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient Servant,

VAUDREUIL

NEW ORLEANS, November 2, 1748.