

such verification has shown you that special views on the part of the Sieur de Lusignan have compelled the farmers to seek expedients in order to derive a profit from their trade? You will be good enough to report to me on this matter, for I am not unaware of the fact, and have even not been able to avoid informing His Majesty, that most of the officers seek only to disgust the farmers in the hope, no doubt, that matters will be re-established on the same footing as formerly. But you will see by the King's memorial what His Majesty's sentiments are on the subject; and I am too familiar with your zeal not to be convinced that, on your part, you will take proper steps to prevent any one disobeying the orders He has given on the subject.

With regard to the Coureurs des bois who were found near the post of la Baye, it is greatly to be desired that they have been arrested and taken to the colony, and there punished in such manner as to restrain the others.

1747: PARTNERSHIP TO EXPLOIT LA BAYE¹²

[Translation from document in Chicago Historical Society MSS., O. L. Schmidt Collection, No. 151.]

We, Lemoine Moniere and Jean Lechelle undersigned merchants of this city of montreal have ceded and by these presents do cede to Monsieur Louis Damour esquire Sieur de

¹² This document is a complement to that in *Ibid.*, pp. 451-455. In the latter the authorities at Montreal lease the post of La Baye to Moniere, Lechelle, and Clignancourt. In this paper, Moniere and Lechelle, who were a firm of Montreal merchants (*equippeurs*) engaged in fitting out parties for the fur-trade, lease the post of La Baye to a company formed by Clignancourt; with the exception of the latter, this corporation is composed of partners actively concerned in the fur-trade, having been at the upper posts for many years.—Ed.