

On my arrival in this colony, I reported to Monsieur Rouillé that I gave the post of la Baye to that governor on the statement of his affairs he communicated to me, and, although at the time I showed him the answer of that minister who granted it to him for two years only, and who left the conditions that were to be imposed on him to me, he was given to understand here that, holding such post from the Court, he was not subject to any lease. This led him to speak very unadvisedly to everybody and even induced him to write to me that he held that post gratuitously from the King and consequently had no rent to pay.

I had much trouble in making him see his error, and still more in getting the lease of his post from him, because his vanity led him to wish to have recourse to your decision, notwithstanding the orders I was compelled to give him a second time.

I cannot refrain from telling you, Monseigneur, that this Governor, who through kindheartedness allows himself to be persuaded by the first-comer, has caused me more trouble to restrain than the whole colony since he has known that Monsieur his brother is to succeed me. I respect your time too much, Monseigneur, to enter into details regarding his ill-advised conduct. It will suffice me that he present himself to you to allow of your judging his capability.

I remain with profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servant,

DUQUESNE.

QUEBEC, October 31, 1754.

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