

In Canada there are people greatly opposed to this principle, but it is none the less true that wars of that sort serve most frequently only to occasion much expense and to disturb the peace of the Colony without producing any real benefit. And it is equally certain that most of them have been caused solely by private interests. Thus the *Sieur de Vaudreuil* cannot be too much on his guard against all the suggestions that may be made to him in that respect.

It is not, however, advisable to endure certain insults from the savages, and His Majesty is far from wishing this to be done; on the contrary, he wishes and it is in fact necessary that firmness be used in certain cases to restrain them. The evil is—and His Majesty has had more than one occasion of observing it—that it is a rather common thing in Canada to make a great commotion, and even to start wars in connection with private incidents of trade of but little interest to the nation, while insults are endured that make us despised, and the toleration of which brings on the greatest disturbances.

The *Sieur de Vaudreuil* will have to strive to effect another change in the system of governing the savages in Canada. With the view of keeping them occupied and of weakening them, it has been deemed advisable to take every opportunity to foment and encourage wars between them. Such a policy, which is quite opposed to the feelings of justice and humanity that animate His Majesty, might have been advantageous and perhaps even necessary when the colony was first established. But, in view of the extent to which those nations are to-day reduced, and of their dispositions in general, it is better in every way that the French should play the part of protectors and peace-makers among them; they will have more attachment and consideration for the French, the colony will be more tranquil, and His Majesty will be spared considerable expense, besides the fact that Frenchmen are always killed on those occasions. Cases may, nevertheless, arise where it is expedient to bring about war against nations badly disposed toward the French, and who might openly declare themselves against