

agree to maintain And Exploit The abovementioned post during the Course of Three years with the Exclusive Commerce of the said Place having the Liberty to take there such Clerks as shall be necessary Who are to be paid from the Sum total of The Partnership; and That at least a third interest shall be accorded to them—a Third of The profit as well as In the losses, this shall be to the said partners collectively with M^r de Rigaud sharing prorata with their Interest.

2nd. The said associates shall be Bound to make on the Account of The partnership the purchase of the necessary merchandise for the exploitation of the Abovementioned post, to employ Such Commissioner or Outfitters as they shall Judge best—the said S^r de Rigault wishing that the associates may be entirely Charged with The administration of the said post, and not intending to interfere in any wise by means of His authority.

3d. The Contracting parties Agree that the two associates exploiting in the first year of the Cession shall Be held to pay for the Common charge of The said partnership only the Salaries accorded to the Commandant and to The interpreter and in Case that in The last two years M^r de Rigault is obliged to pay to the King The lease of the said post The said associates shall enter into The said lease only to The sum of eight thousand Livres without being liable either for the salary of the Commandant nor That of The interpreter, They will enter therein in proportion to the interest that they have in the said Partnership.

4th. Upon Their arrival at the post There shall Be made in the presence and sight of M^r Couterot an Inventory of the goods Remaining there, and for These goods the associates shall Agree to pay to M^r. de Rigault fifteen [percent] more than for those that they bought in Montreal The Credits of the savages which are Turned in shall be Placed In the Assets of the partnership, and Upon The dissolution of The same, The said associates Renounce Entirely those that would be due to them, and turn them over to the said S^r. de Rigault.