

D'Tretreque³⁸ in regard to his continual work and fatigue, and endeavor shall be made to recompense them; for which purpose the matter shall be reported to the Governor as soon as he arrives.

I forgot to advise Your Grace that no contract or writ for the King, which is not in the Spanish language, must be made or signed by Your Grace. This order must be observed with religious scrupulousness, as such are the wishes of the sovereign.

The certificates given by Your Grace to the militia of that post are discounted by the chief accountancy of this army and province for the allowance of the present which is made in the formal contract for said militia by the review lists which Your Grace sent me November 11 last, and which were sent to the Intendant, as well as an official communication for the undertaking of the lighter, which was provisioned by Lieutenant Don Francisco Cartabona, whose surrender or payment was asked by Monsieur Cerre.

The report of the supplies which Your Grace sent me of those in that post with the note that you are unprovided with many things which are indispensable in case of attack, does not mention the things that Your Grace needs. I showed it to an artillery officer, and, according to his opinion, the cannon sponges are lacking which Your Grace can procure there at less cost than here. It is impossible to send any fuses as we have not here what we need for the service of the camp. However, as Your Grace will see by the enclosed, some balls of the caliber of 4 and 6 with some tools for the service of that detachment, are sent. Since there is an abundance of lead at that post, Your Grace can make some grape shot for the artillery, for which purpose suitable cartidges will be sent.

The conduct which Your Grace has observed in regard to the representation made by the habitants of Post Vincennes is highly approved by me, as well as the fact that Your Grace has

³⁸ Possibly the Frenchman Delor de Treget, who came to this country about 1767, and was the first settler of Carondelet. See Billon, *Annals*, p. 492.—Ed.