

given the said Sieur Marin cannot but have a very good effect in every respect.

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

LAJONQUIÈRE.

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[Letter from La Jonquière to the French minister, dated Sept. 20, 1750. Source, same as preceding document, but folio 237.]

QUEBEC, September 20, 1750.

MONSEIGNEUR—I have the honor to reply to the letter you did me the honor of writing me on the 31st of May last.

As Monsieur the comte de la Galissonnière had given the command of the post of Missilimakinack for three years to the Sieur Duplessis Fabert, I did not deem it advisable to relieve him last year, all the more so that he is the senior captain and is exceedingly poor. I reproached him however for his fault in having bought brandy at an exorbitant price when he could have got it cheaper. I warned him that if he gave me the slightest cause of dissatisfaction, I would not hesitate to relieve him and even to have the honor to report to you on his conduct. I am not aware that he has behaved wrongly as yet, but if he abuse my confidence I will recall him and put another commandant in his place. I know, Monseigneur, that it is only by such examples that I can restrain the officers, and you may rest assured that I shall not hesitate to make the same, whenever necessity arises, having nothing more at heart than the fulfilment, on all points, of everything you do me the honor to order me to do.

The Sieur Duplessis reports that the greater portion of the nations in the neighborhood of his post, have gone to the English, passing by Sault Ste Marie, taking over 300 packages of furs there; that the English are causing collars to be intro-