

## EXPLANATIONS

ON MY TWO SEIGNIORIES OF ALLAINVILLE AND HOCQUART AT THE HEAD OF LAKE CHAMPLAIN, AND DETAIL OF MY PROCEEDINGS AS WELL IN LONDON AS IN THIS COUNTRY ON THE SUBJECT, BY M. DE LOTBINIERE. MONTREAL 20 SEPT. 1771.

[From MSS. in Sec. of State's Off. Alby.]

The situation of Alainville is designated so clearly in my affidavit annexed in perfect conformity to the Deed granted to me, that it appears useless to add any thing thereto.

Though that of Hocquart is indicated in the two Deeds of Concession of which I annex copies, yet to obviate doubts which may arise on the subject, I shall give the details which have been furnished me of that Seigniory. Its front commences on the south side about fifteen or eighteen *arpens* above a tract bordering on the Lake, in front (*en face*) of Fort Crown-point, from two to three hundred arpens square in superficies reserved by the original proprietor to himself as an Inalienable Domain, which is separated from the lands conceded to divers *Censitaries* (Tenants) by a marsh formed by a stream that empties there. This front extends thence four leagues\* on a direct line drawn towards the North at each extremity of which ought to be run two perpendiculars of a length sufficient to give the totality of the Seigniory five leagues in depth. Moreover it must be observed that in my quality of first Grantee in that quarter, I must be satisfied according to my titles before any other presenting his claims can claim the smallest trifle.

As to the validity of my titles at the time of the Reduction of the country, let but a single glance be directed to these two Seigniories; the frequent clearances to be seen there which cannot have yet disappeared; the various settlements the wrecks of which at least cannot have been swept away by the misfortunes inseparable from a period of War; these will prove incontestably that

\* Note in Orig.—The league of Canada is 84 *arpens*: the *arpent*, 30 toises; the *toise* 6 feet royal of Paris.