

Sieur Rigaud de Vaudreuil, Governor of Montreal, and to his wife, of the Post de la Baye, according to its limits, within which are comprised the River Lamanerli, on the Michilimakinac side, Lafolavoine, La Baye des Puans, the Sakis, the Sioux, at the upper part of the Mississipi, and all the rivers which fall into it; Melouki, and the small lake along the Michigan, the River à la Roche, inhabited by the Puans and Sacs, the river of the Moinogonans, and the Outaouais who live along the upper part of the river of the Kikapoux; to hold to the said Sieur Rigaud de Vaudreuil and his wife, during their life-time, with the privilege of trading with the Indians to the exclusion of all others, and of placing the establishments and making the improvements which they may think necessary for the good of the said Post; on the condition that the said Sieur and Dle. Rigaud de Vaudreuil, shall provide the different places of the said Post, with goods and other necessaries for the Indians who reside there; that each year they shall pay three thousand *livres* to the commandant whom the Governor General shall appoint to the said Post, the salary of the interpreter and others which may be thought necessary by the said Governor General; that they shall also make at their own cost and expense, such present to the Indians of the said Post, as they may deem proper, and finally that they shall pay all the other expenses which may arise for the maintenance of the same, without for His Majesty's becoming liable for any expenses occasioned thereby; and further, that after the decease of the said Sieur and Dame Rigaud de Vaudreuil, the said Post de la Baye, with its dependencies, shall return to His Majesty, together with all the establishments, clearings and generally all the works which are or may be done by them upon the said dependencies during the time of their enjoyment thereof, without its becoming binding, by reason thereof, or His Majesty to reimburse any amount on any pretence or for any reason whatsoever. His Majesty hath ratified and confirmed and doth ratify and confirm the said grant of the fifteenth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine, made by the said Governor General and Intendant of New France, to the Sieur and Dame Rigaud de Vaudreuil, in order that they may, during their life time, enjoy the different objects therein and above mentioned. His Majesty's pleasure being that the said grant shall be carried into execution and that it shall be subject to the conditions above set forth without any exception on any pretext whatsoever. And in testimony of His Majesty's will, I am commanded by him to issue the present Letters Patent, which shall be registered in the office of the Superior Council of Quebec, His Majesty having been pleased to sign the same, of his and to have them countersigned by me, his Councillor, Secretary of State and Commands and Finance.

(Signed)
(Countersigned)

LOUIS.
BERYER.