

The motives which led Giffard and his wife to make the gift are, as expressed in the Deed of Donation, friendship, and to recompense the Jesuits for several "*bons et agréables services*," which they had rendered, but whether to Monsieur or to Madame Giffard, does not particularly appear.

I have only to add for your Excellency's information, that the Indians are not at all mentioned in the above Deed of Donation. And as the Jesuits have since the 2nd of November 1667, been uninterruptedly possessed of the Fief of Saint Gabriel, and still hold it by virtue of the above Deed, and of the King's "*Lettres d'amortissement*," I am of opinion that the claims of the Indians are totally unfounded.

All which nevertheless is respectfully submitted by

Your Excellency's

most obedient and

most humble servant

(Signed)

J. SEWELL,

Quebec, 3d August 1797.

Attorney General.

A true Copy from the Original delivered to the Indians of Lorette in Council at the Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 8th August 1797.

By order of His Excellency General Prescott,

HERMAN WITSIUS RYLAND.

No. 2.

MY CHILDREN,

I have well considered the Papers which you put into my hands in the last Council which I held with you.

It appears by those Papers that in the year 1651 the Company of New France upon the Petition of the Reverend Fathers Jesuits, caused to be drawn up Letters Patent by which the Seigniory of Sillery was given, "to the Indians who usually live near to Quebec," and that in a short time afterwards this Donation was confirmed by His Majesty the King of France. That in the year 1699, upon a Representation made by the same Reverend Fathers Jesuits, it pleased the Governor and Intendant of the Province to

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