

"And whereas great frauds and abuses have been committed in purchasing lands of the Indians to the great prejudice of our interests and to the great dissatisfaction of the said Indians."

"In order therefore to prevent such irregularities for the future and to the end that the Indians may be convinced of our justice and determined resolution to remove all reasonable cause of discontent we do with the advice of our Privy Council strictly enjoin and require that no private person do presume to make any purchase from the said Indians of any lands reserved to the said Indians ~~of any lands reserved to the said Indians~~ within those parts of our colonies where we have thought proper to allow settlement but that if at any time any of the said Indians should be inclined to dispose of the said lands the same shall be purchased only for us in our name at some public meeting or assembly of the said Indians to be held for that purpose by the Governor or Commander-in-Chief of our colony respectively within which they shall lie."

Extract from Royal Instructions to Governor Murray.
(Canadian Archives, M.230,p.1).

Given the 7th December, 1763.

Article 60. And whereas our Province of Quebec is in part inhabited and possessed by several nations and Tribes of Indians, with whom it is both necessary and expedient to cultivate and maintain a strict good friendship and good Correspondance, so that they may be induced, by degrees, not only to be good neighbors to Our Subjects, but likewise themselves to become good Subjects to Us; You are therefore, as soon as you conveniently can, to appoint a proper Person or Persons to assemble, and treat with the said Indians, promising and assuring them of Protection and Friendship on our Part, and delivering them such Presents as shall be sent to you for that purpose.

Article 61. And you are to inform yourself with the greatest exactness of the Number, Nature and Disposition of the several Bodies or Tribes of Indians, of the manner of their lives, and the Rules and constitutions by which they are Governed or regulated. And You are upon no Account to molest or disturb them in the Possession of such Parts of the said Province, as they at present occupy or possess; but to use the best means you can for conciliating their affections, and uniting them to our Government reporting to Us, by Our Commissioners for Trade and Plantations whatever information you can collect with respect to these people, and the whole of your Proceedings with them.

Article 62. Whereas we have, by Our Proclamation dated the seventh day of October in the Third year of Our Reign, strictly forbid on pain of Our Displeasure all Our Subjects from making any Purchases or Settlements whatever, or taking possession of any of the Lands reserved to the several Nations of Indians with whom we are connected, and who live under Our Protection without our special leave for that Purpose first obtained; It is Our Express Will and Pleasure, that you take the most effectual Care that Our Royal Directions herein be punctually complied with, and that the Trade with such of the said Indians as depend upon your Government be carried on in the Manner and under the Regulations prescribed in Our said Proclamation.

Extract from Royal Instructions to Governor Carleton
(Canadian Archives, M.230, p.116)

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