

' the river Mississippi, so it may now be en-
 ' larged to the same extent. And this re-
 ' annexation of these inland posts to this pro-
 ' vince is the more necessary on account of
 ' the fur-trade which the people of this pro-
 ' vince carry on to them; because, in the
 ' present state of things, as there are no courts
 ' of justice whose jurisdiction extends to those
 ' distant places, those of the factors we send
 ' to them with our goods to trade with the
 ' Indians for their furs who happen to prove
 ' dishonest continue in them out of the reach
 ' of their creditors, and live upon the profits
 ' of the goods entrusted to their care: which
 ' intirely ruins this colony, and turns these
 ' posts into harbours for rogues and vagabonds,
 ' whose wicked and violent conduct is often
 ' likely to give rise to wars with the Indians.

' We desire also that his majesty would be
 ' graciously pleased to re-annex to this pro-
 ' vince the coast of Labrador, which for-
 ' merly belonged to it, and has been taken
 ' from it since the peace. The fishery for
 ' seals, which is the only fishery carried on
 ' upon this coast, is carried on only in the
 ' middle of winter, and sometimes does not
 ' last above a fortnight. The nature of this
 ' fishery, which none of his majesty's subjects
 ' but the inhabitants of this province under-
 ' stand; the short time of its continuance;
 ' and the extreme severity of the weather,
 ' which makes it impossible for ships to con-