

Seigniori of St. Denis, on one side to the north east, at the line of the heirs of the late Sieur de St. Ours, and on the other side, to the south west, adjoining the un-conceded lands, in order that the said augmentation, both in front and in depth, may form, with the said seigniori, one and the same seigniori, His Majesty hath ratified and confirmed the said grant, his pleasure being that the said Sieur de Contreccœur, his heirs or assigns, shall forever enjoy the said lands as their own property, as a fief and seigniori, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said grant, according to and in conformity with the title thereto granted by the Sieurs de la Jonquière and Bigot, without being bound, by reason thereof, to pay to His Majesty, or to the Kings his successors, any money or indemnity, His Majesty having remitted the same to him, to whatever sum they may amount; on condition that he shall render fealty and homage at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which the said fief shall be held, and on payment of the other dues according to the Custom of Paris followed in the said country; that the appeals from the Judge who shall be established there shall lie before the Jurisdiction of Montreal; on the condition also, that he shall preserve and cause his tenants to preserve the oak fit for the construction of His Majesty's ships; that he shall disclose to His Majesty, or to the Governor and Intendant of the said country, the mines, mining places or minerals, if any there be in the said grant; that he shall improve it, and keep and cause the tenants to keep house and home thereon, in default whereof it shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain; that he shall leave the necessary roads for the public use, and also leave the beaches free to all fishermen, except such parts thereof as he shall require for his own fisheries; and, in case His Majesty should hereafter require any parts of the said land for the purpose of constructing forts, batteries, strong-holds, magazines and other public works, he may take possession of the same as well as of the trees which may be necessary for the said public works, without being bound to pay any compensation therefor, His Majesty's pleasure being that the said grant shall be subject to the conditions above set forth, without any exception, on pretence that such conditions have not been stipulated in the said grant. And, in testimony of His Majesty's pleasure, I am commanded by him to issue the present Letters Patent, which shall be enregistered in the Office of the Superior Council of Quebec, His Majesty having been pleased to sign the same and to have them countersigned by me, his Councillor, Secretary of State, and of his Commands and Finance.

(Thus signed,)

LOUIS.

ROUILLÉ.

And lower down,

Ratification of a grant behind Chateauguay and the Sault Saint Louis in favor of the Sieur Jean Bte. LeBer de Senneville.

Dated the 1st September, 1754.

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This first day of September, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, the King being at Versailles, and wishing to confirm and ratify a grant made on the twentieth of April, one thousand seven hundred and fifty, by the Marquis de la Jonquière, Governor and Lieutenant General of New France, and the Sieur Bigot, Intendant of the said Country, to the Sieur Jean-Baptiste LeBer de Senneville, Ensign of Infantry in the troops stationed in the said Country, of an extent of land, situate at the end of the depth of the Seigniories of the Sault Saint Louis and of Chateauguay, enclosed between the Seigniori of Ville Chauve and that of la Prairie de la Magdeleine, by a league and a half in depth, as a Fief and Seigniori, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction,