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effectual Measures may be taken, to Induce those Indians to remove within Our Territories, and to discontinue any Intercourse with the subjects or Inhabitants of the said United States, which may Lessen Our Influence with them, and be prejudicial to Our Service, and the Interest and Commerce of Our Subjects.

5<sup>th</sup> And whereas it has been represented to Us, that the Internal Commerce of our province of Quebec, may be greatly promoted and extended; and propositions have been made to establish exclusive Trading Companies for that purpose: You are to transmit to Us as before directed, a clear and distinct state of the present Trade of Our said Province, both Foreign and Internal, and also Your opinion, how far the same may be extended and improved, and the representations and propositions made to Us as above mentioned, are founded in fact, and likely to be attended with Success: and whether the advantages which it is alledged may arise therefrom, will be more effectually attained by Establishing the exclusive Trading Companies as proposed, or by allowing a free and Open Trade to all Our Subjects.

6<sup>th</sup> And whereas from the great extent of Our province of Quebec, as well as the increased Number of Inhabitants, and in particular of those of our Loyal Subjects who were heretofore Inhabitants of the Provinces now the United States of America, and who have retained their allegiance to Us, it may be expedient to divide the same, and erect for the present a distinct and seperate province to the Westward: It is Our Will and Pleasure, that You do obtain the most particular information, and transmit Your Opinion, where and in what Manner the proposed division should be made, and also whether the Constitution of such new erected province, ought to be similar to what is at present, or may hereafter be established in Our province of Quebec, or whether the same should be similar to those established in Our other Provinces and Colonies in America: and also whether in Case such proposed division should take place, the Inhabitants of the province so to be erected, may not be supplied with European, and Other produce and Manufactures, with greater facility, and upon easier terms, by the Subjects and thro the Territories of the United States of America, than by Our Subjects, and thro Our province of Quebec, and thereby a connection and Intercourse between the Subjects of the Two countries, be unavoidably promoted and encouraged; which Information and Opinion, You are to transmit to Us thro one of our principal secretaries of state as before directed.

Endorsed; Dra<sup>t</sup> of Particular Instructions  
to S<sup>r</sup> Guy Carleton