

Joseph Perthuis, Councillor of the Superior Council of Quebec, of an extent of land of one league and a half in front by one league and a half in depth, commencing at the termination of the three leagues in depth of the Seigniorship of Portneuf, His Majesty hath ratified and confirmed the said grant, his pleasure being that the said Sieur Perthuis, his heirs or assigns, shall enjoy the said lands for ever as their property, as a fief and seigniorship, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said seigniorship; on the 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 rights and dues according to the Custom of Paris; that the appeals from the Judge who shall be established there shall lie before the Prévosté of Quebec; 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; and keep and cause the tenants to keep house and home thereon, and that he shall clear and cause the said lands to be cleared, in default whereof they shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain; that he shall leave the necessary roads or public use, and cause like conditions to be inserted in all the concessions which he shall grant to his tenants, subject to the payment of the customary *cens, rentes* and dues for each arpent of land by forty in depth; that he shall leave the beaches free to all persons, except such parts thereof as he shall require for their own fisheries; and, in case His Majesty should hereafter require any part of the said land for the purpose of constructing forts, batteries, strongholds, 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 works and for firewood for the garrison of the said forts, without being bound to pay any compensation therefor; His Majesty having also reserved to himself the right of taking from the said land the oak, masts and generally all other timber which may be necessary for the construction and armament of his vessels without being bound to pay any compensation; His Majesty's pleasure being that the said grant shall be subject to the conditions above set forth, without any exception whatever 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.

(Signed,)

LOUIS.

And lower down,

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ROUILLE.

*Ratification of the Augmentation of the Fief St. Denis, in favor of the Sieur Pierre Pecaudi de Contrecoeur.*

Dated 1st May, 1754.

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This first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, the King being at Versailles, and wishing to confirm and ratify a grant made on the second of May, 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 Pecaudi de Contrecoeur, Captain of a Company of the troops stationed in the said country, of the extent of the lands situate at the back of the seigniorship of St. Denis, and which are unconceded, to wit: four leagues in depth, to commence at the end of the two leagues in depth of the said