

70 loghouses, of which one half are in a row near the river, the other half opposite to them, on the other side of a fair were two streets divided by a row of posts in the midst. Where each *Indian* has his house to lay his goods, and where any of the traders may traffick with him. This is surely an excellent regulation for preventing the traders from imposing on the *Indians*, a practice they have been formerly too much guilty of, and which has frequently involved the *English* colonies in difficulties, and constantly tended to depreciate us in the esteem of the natives. Who can scarcely be blamed for judging of a nation, by the behavior of those with whom they have the most intercourse, a judgment I am sorry to confess that has (till lately) tended much to the making them in favour rather of the French, than English. I speak of private persons, not of the respective government. The chief officer in command at the castle, keeps a good look out to see when the *Indians* come down the lake with their poultry and furs, and sends a canoe to meet them, which conducts them to the castle, to prevent any person enticing them to put ashore privately, treating them with spirituous liquors, and then taking that opportunity of cheating them. This officer seems very careful, that all quarreling, and even the least misunderstanding, when any happens, be quickly made up in an amicable manner, since a speedy

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