

Q. You have had frequent personal intercourse with these Indians; do you think that they sincerely believe their claims are well founded?

A. Yes—they have never varied in their statements to that effect, they speak of two leagues and a half in depth, which it appeared to me they were fully persuaded belonged to them.

Q. Do you know if the Lorette Indians and the other Indians domiciliated in this Province are Roman Catholics?

A. Yes, they are all Roman Catholics.

Q. How many Indian Villages are there in this Province, and what are their names and locations?

A. Lac des deux Montagnes, 3 Tribes, Algonquins, Nipissingues and Iroquois; Sault St. Louis, Iroquois; St. Regis, Iroquois; St. François Abenakis; Becancour, Abenakis; from St. François River to Chaudière River, Abenakis; Hurons, Lorette; towards the Gulph, Micmacs, Malécites or Amalécites.

Q. Do you know if the Indians now domiciliated at Lorette are the descendants of the Huron Indians formerly domiciliated at Sylleri?

A. Yes; it has always been a general tradition, that they are the descendants of the Hurons formerly settled at Sylleri.

Q. What is the general character of the Lorette Indians as individuals?

A. Peaceable and industrious—They are very poor and subsist only by their industry.

Q. What is their character as subjects of the King?

A. Very faithful and devoted to His Majesty's service; during the late war these Indians not having been called upon to go to the frontiers they complained to me of the neglect, and I made a representation to Sir George Prevost on the subject, to which his Excellency answered in substance, that it is very far from his intention to neglect them, but that it was his duty to reserve some brave and faithful warriors to look to the Quebec Frontiers, and it was only on that account that he had not called on them to go to the Frontiers in the District of Montreal—It is within my knowledge that two of the Lorette Indians volunteered with the Voltigeurs, one of whom served as a Serjeant during the war, and both distinguished themselves.

Q. Do you know if any allowance is now made to the Lorette Indians out of the Revenues of the Jesuits' Estates?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. What allowances are made to the Lorette Indians by the Military Government, and on what account?

A. Annual presents in Clothes for the Warriors and Women and Children, and eight days Rations at the time they receive their presents; they are also allowed arms and ammunition, as Warriors always ready for Military Service.

Q. Do you know if the old French Government made them the same or similar allowance?

A. From the earliest settlement of the Country I have always