

means for the remedy of these inconveniences which is not less needful for the commerce of the Kingdom than to his subjects in New France; in the discussion of the different projects none seemed more feasible than that of establishing a card money which will be received at His Majesty's warehouses in payment of powder and other munitions and merchandise that may be sold and for which bills will be given on the General Treasurer of Marine for the time being; this has been voluntarily determined upon in answer to the desires of the Canadian Merchants, who last year presented a request to this effect to the Governor, Lieutenant General and to the *Commissaire-Ordonnateur* of New France, and also to the demands of the inhabitants in general who have made the same representation, and that this currency will be of great utility to home and foreign trade by the facilitating of purchases and sales which will be made in the colony which will increase the establishments, and His Majesty wishing to explain these intentions, has ordered and orders as follows:—

“ I. Card money will be made to the amount of four hundred thousand *livres*, of denominations, twenty-four, twelve, six and three *livres*; one *livre* ten *sols*, fifteen *sols* and seven *sols* ten *deniers*, which cards will be stamped with His Majesty's arms, and written and signed by the *Controleur* of Marine at Quebec.

“ II. The cards of twenty-four, twelve and three *livres* will be signed by the Governor, the Lieutenant General, and Intendant or *Commissaire-Ordonnateur*.

“ III. Those of one *livre*, ten *sols*, fifteen *sols*, and seven *sols* six *deniers* will only be initialed by the Governor, Lieutenant General and Intendant or *Commissaire-Ordonnateur*.”

The remainder of the Ordinance relates to guarding the quantity to be issued, prevention of counterfeiting and so forth. From this ordinance we learn the denominations, the amount issued and the manner of inscribing them. As the