

the King has appointed to direct and superintend the same, but the unanimous Opinion of all here, Canadians and British, is, that unless the present Restraints are taken off, that Trade must greatly Suffer, This Province be nearly ruined, Great Britain be a considerable Looser, and France the sole Gainer, as they must turn the greatest Part of the Furrs down the Mississippi, instead of the St. Lawrence; they compute that a very large Quantity of Merchandise, formerly passed through this Province to Nations unknown to Pondiac, and too distant to come to any of our Ports, and that so much is lost of the Consumption of British Manufacturés. They say that their own Interests will allways be a sufficient Reason and Motive to treat these People well, and to use their utmost Endeavours to keep them in Peace, and the Canadians will engage