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Hugh Montgomery  
Bonaventure

Honourable Sir

ans<sup>d</sup> 4 May

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By the Bearer M<sup>r</sup> Ross allow me

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to congratulate you —

It would give me great pleasure to hear from you & to assist me with your advice in many things that concern the affairs of the Province.

By His Majesty's Proclamation trade with the Ind<sup>us</sup> is forbid without a License from the Gov<sup>r</sup> or Commanded in Chief —

Retailing of Spirituous Liquors is also forbid by the Laws of the Province —

Many of the Inhabitants trade with the Ind<sup>us</sup> & some of them to my certain knowledge retail Spirituous Liquors to the Detriment of the fishery & hurt of the poor inhabitants

At this distance from the Seat of Government what method is proper to be pursued & how are the Guilty to be made Examples of —

The peltrags here are chiefly pick'd up & kept in reserve for one Chas<sup>s</sup> Robins from Jersey who is yearly here & who tells M<sup>r</sup> Board of Halifax that his Deliv<sup>ys</sup> were for a French Market.

He left an agent on the Coast last year who with himself  
went round this bay both in this Province & Halifax  
He has also left one this Season A League from this

Our friend Mr. Manwaring came to  
Daspabrae this Summer where he seized &  
sent to Halifax both a Brigantine & Snow  
of the same Name.

Will you be pleased to give me orders &  
instructions how I may stop some of these  
running peltries & send them to you

The Government has from time to time  
promised a Command of troops for this place  
& neglected it. if they come well if not  
any body may be a Magistrate on the  
Coast for me. Allow me once more to begg  
your advice & assistance I have the honour  
to be  
Honoured Sir

Your most Obedient  
&  
Most humble  
Hugh Montgomerie

Bonaventure

17<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1768

For The Honourable  
*rec<sup>uto</sup> en vnuem*  
George. Hoop Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Secretary of the Province of  
Quebec

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