causes into the King's Courts

He could make regulations for the internal police of the Country either in concurrence with the Conseil superieur, or by his own ordinances and as this, by virtue of his commission, was left to his own discretion, he issued regulations for that purpose, without having any recourse to the Conseil Superieur, at least for the most part.

For his own ease and the dispatch of business, he commissioned certain persons in different parts of the Province to determine in cases where the value in question did not exceed fifty livres; these Officers were stiled his Subdelegues, of whom there usually were two at Quebec, one at Trois Rivieres, two at Montreal, one at Detroit and another at Missilimakinac; they determined also little offences arising from insolent behaviour, provoking and abusive language in the same manner as the Intendant himself might do.

But for matters of greater importance and for the general administration of Justice, the Province was divided into the three districts of Quebec, Trois Rivieres, and Montreal, and a Judge appointed in each with an assistant Judge, for Quebec and Montreal, who sat with the other, and in cases of sickness, or absence supplied his place, the former were stiled Lieutenants Generaux Civils and Criminels, the latter Lieutenants particuliers.

These Judges held their Courts in the principal or rather only Town of the district, with full authority to determine all matters both Criminal and Civil that arose within the district; their modes of proceeding were simple and short, consisting of a Plaint, a Summons, and the answer of the Defendant, on the coming in of which a short day was given to the Parties, when the Court proceeded to hear and determine the Cause; the judgement

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