

PREFACE TO VOL. LXVII

Following is a synopsis of the documents contained in this volume:

CLXXXVIII. The intendant and governor of Canada having requested from the French government a grant of 2,000 francs, to aid in the removal of the Sault St. Louis mission near Montreal to a more commodious location, the Council of Marine orders (April 1, 1716) that the above sum be granted for that purpose.

Another decree, passed on the same day, concerns the savages of Acadia. The English are endeavoring to seduce them from their loyalty to the French. The Canadian officials write that the missionaries among these Indians do all in their power to retain them in their fidelity, and advise that the missions be aided—especially by the erection of the churches which are needed at two of the mission stations in Acadia. Some of the Abenakis settled at St. François and Bécancourt desire to return to their former location in Maine; but Vaudreuil, who is now in France, disapproves this step, and urges that all practicable efforts be employed to retain them at St. François. The council accepts his advice, and also orders that the funds be supplied for the churches desired in Acadia. In all these matters, the